From: Lisa New [redacted]
Sent: 5/4/2016 6:25:26 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: woody and deadline

Importance: High

Dear Jeffrey,

Woody has received from his lawyer some questions I asked in in response to the agreement Irwin Tenenbaum sent me....I found that that agreement generous and reasonable (!), and I'm excited to go forward, but I do need those clarifications. We can absolutely agree that we will not give Woody larger or more important billing than Bill Clinton or Joe Biden, and that I'd like to come to him to renew our agreement after five years.

The Harvard week of content in which Woody will appear, if we can sign this, needs to be edited in the next week-10 days. We are out of time, which is why I'm writing

The television show has been picked up by American Public Television, they will distribute nationally, and they've asked for another 5 episodes. I so want Woody to be one of those.

I'd like to see the haiku written by computer. Haiku is not that hard. I'd like to see an elegy written by computer.

Lisa
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From: Michael Wolff [redacted]
Sent: 5/25/2016 11:12:16 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Trump

Importance: High

Job is to get the hard ones in without being ejected from the room. What's the one question that pierces through?

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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> otherwise you can just throw easys
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> On Wed, May 25, 2016 at 7:05 AM, Michael Wolff <[redacted]> wrote:
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From: Michael Wolff [redacted]
Sent: 5/25/2016 11:19:00 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Trump

Importance: High

What's the thumb nail on Nussbaum/foster?

On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> maybe you can ask why bernie nussbaum got vince fosters letter quickly, that is a hillary problem. he would smile then you can ask his realtionsjipwith the elctricians unions and maralago . and out you go
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From: Deepak Chopra [redacted]
Sent: 7/29/2016 1:12:10 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

Roman poet whose name I forget - " Nothing human is foreign to me . "

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On Jul 29, 2016, at 8:35 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

http://articles.chicagotribune.com/1992-07-16/news/9203040348_1_pairs-of-maples-shoes-marla-maples-trump-parc

On Fri, Jul 29, 2016 at 8:33 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]> wrote:

> Fascinating !
>
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> On Jul 29, 2016, at 8:29 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> no - i mean her friend was stealing her high heels cutting the backs of the shoes open and fucking the shoe.. its a funny story.
>
> On Fri, Jul 29, 2016 at 8:22 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]wrote:
>
>> Let's connect 2PM
>> FaceTime is easier as I will be out
>> I've known Marla since those days
>> Having lunch with her
>> She seems v troubled right now

>> Sex with shoes ? You mean shoes on ?
>>
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>> On Jul 29, 2016, at 8:19 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> 2 pm, fine, . yes , in fact when she told donald she was pregnant. I lost a 10k dollar bet with him, and sent him a truck of baby food. in payment. but i have not spoken to her in many years since then. she can tell you the story of her friend who was caught having sex with her shoes. yes -shoes.
>>
>> On Fri, Jul 29, 2016 at 8:16 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]> wrote:
>>> FaceTime may be easier
>>> What no
>>> Mine is [redacted]
>>> I can do 2PM - have meetings before then
>>> I will take you up on your offers re visiting one of your places - when you are there
>>> I can also do 12 noon or any other time tomorrow
>>> Btw - do you know Marla Maples ?
>>> Anything we share is between us
>>> I share nothing with anyone but trust you
>>>
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>>> On Jul 29, 2016, at 8:09 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> my skype is jeevacation . or we can facetime if you prefer. does 12pm or 1 work for you. ? you are also welcome on my ranch in august in santa fe. anytime you like
>>>
>>> On Fri, Jul 29, 2016 at 8:05 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]> wrote:
>>>> I can Skype this afternoon or tomorrow afternoon
>>>> Let me know what works with you
>>>> I took Benadryl at 6 PM and woke up at 3 PM

I will check my Skype no
Have not used it for sometime
Good to know re Harvard program
Amazing what we can do with technology even without understanding how perception occurs
All love

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On Jul 29, 2016, at 8:00 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

I am in florida. palm beach. . we can skype. today tomrow? you should plan on a visit to my island. you might want to consider taking some benedryl to resest your clock after jet lag. one hour before bedtime you you missed an interesting session up at harvard. perception, , language. , understanding. human and robot interaction

On Fri, Jul 29, 2016 at 3:01 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]> wrote:

I'm available after 2 PM tomorrow if you have time ability and desire for a cup of coffee
I can drop by if you are in town
I have galleys of new book
Best
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On Jul 28, 2016, at 10:03 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

How long New York

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From: Deepak Chopra [[redacted]]
Sent: 8/8/2016 8:57:31 AM
To: Jeff Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: America's Shadow: The Real Secret of Donald J. Trump - SFGate by Deepak Chopra
Attachments: supergenes[2].png

Importance: High

Since Woody was into the subconscious mind I thought I'd share this
See you at 3PM
http://www.sfgate.com/opinion/chopra/article/America-s-Shadow-The-Real-Secret-of-Donald-J-7965248.php

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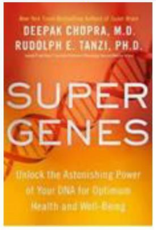
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From: Deepak Chopra [redacted]
Sent: 8/8/2016 9:52:40 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: America's Shadow: The Real Secret of Donald J. Trump - SFGate by Deepak Chopra
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Importance: High

Yes
Thanks for forwarding it !
It was a fascinating evening !
I've felt a kinship with Woody because he is tortured by existential dilemmas as am I .
The Russian was just being Russian- a socialist with right wing tastes . I actually liked him .
The wife was being a mother to Woody . I think he's needed that all his life .
I will meet you at the Bowery at 230 PM
Send me the address
❤

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On Aug 8, 2016, at 5:43 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

i will forward it . he asked if you would come back again. without the russian. to me it was a woody allen movie . you talking conciousness , his wife more concerned with the salad dressing, and the russian deciding the future of syria. . As you know I find ideas no matter how extreme , the root of possible insight. so the other day I had viisitn the psychedelic crowd. one of them has opened a store on 1 st and the bowery called the alchemist kitchen. . How about we meet there , I want to see the store and you ride with me back uptown. lets say 230? I have left my schedule open after.

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Gather, Visualize, Analyze Public Opinion to make Intelligent Decisions

InsightsPod analyzes opinions, sentiments, emotions and attitudes of people from social media. Currently our platform supports Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. We are in the process of integrating Instagram and Pinterest.

Features

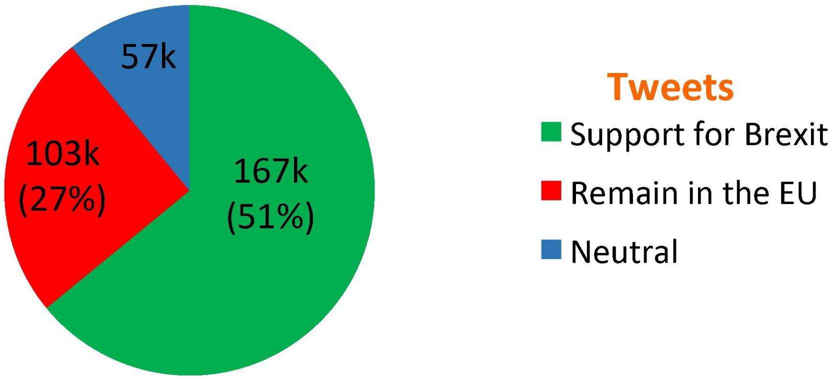
- Gathers real time data from social media sites and conducts sentiment analysis.
- Opinion can be analyzed based on geographic location.
- InsightsPod identifies location and other demographics.
- Ideal for retailers to determine customers’ intent and buying habits.
- Graphical reporting.
- InsightsPod supports 71 languages.
- Add triggers to receive updates.

Potential Customers

- **Retail/Brands:** We help businesses/retailers identify which customer is not happy in seconds. We help them determine a customer's intent and buying habits. Also, we aid retailers and businesses with product development ideas and go-to market strategies.
- **Politics:** Through the vast amount of data available across social media, we can not only help politicians to understand what their constituents are talking about but also to influence people, track voters and get them to vote.
- **Stocks:** Investors who predict stock behavior by interpreting news and public sentiment make better trades and informed decisions. InsightsPod can give an insight into public sentiment quickly and can aid financial institutions as well as individuals to make sound investment decisions.

Case Study: BREXIT

We conducted sentiment analysis of more than half a million tweets before the Referendum day. 327K tweets were collected on the day of Referendum on InsightsPod.

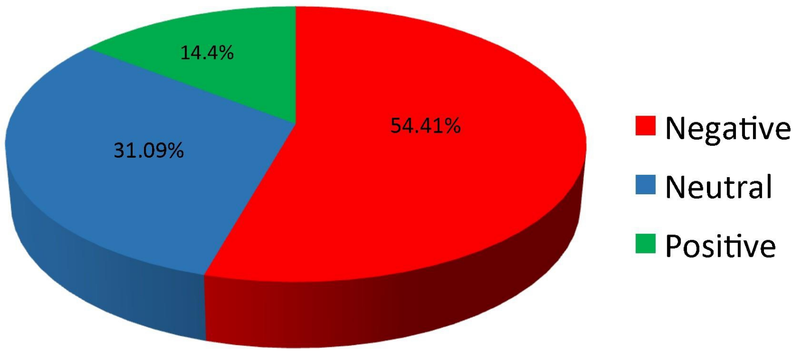


Live Feeds – US Presidential Election, 2016

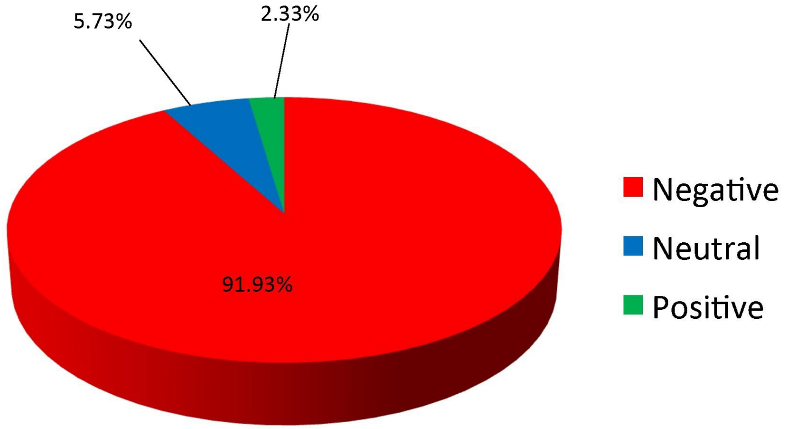
- Up until 17th August 2016 we have processed 85 million tweets related to the US Presidential Election.
- The public feed is for media agencies and to showcase to potential customers, the accuracy and capability of InsightsPod platform.
- InsightsPod can help a potential political candidate understand what their constituents are talking about and also to influence people and track voters.

Live Feeds – US Presidential Election, 2016

Weekly Report: ***Donald Trump***



Weekly Report: ***Hillary Clinton***



Based on data collected from 10th - 17th August 2016

Social Media Activity of Potential Customers

McDonald's	2,941,608 Tweets per day
KFC	412,320 Tweets per day
NIKE	12,690,192 Tweets per day
STARBUCKS COFFEE	2,878,608 Tweets per day

Based on data collected on 17th August 2016

Pricing Model for Customers

No. of Impressions (Monthly Subscription)	**Cost (USD)**
0-100,000	$999
100,001-250,000	$1999
250,001-500,000	$2600
500,001-1000,000	$3500
1000,001-2000,000	$5000

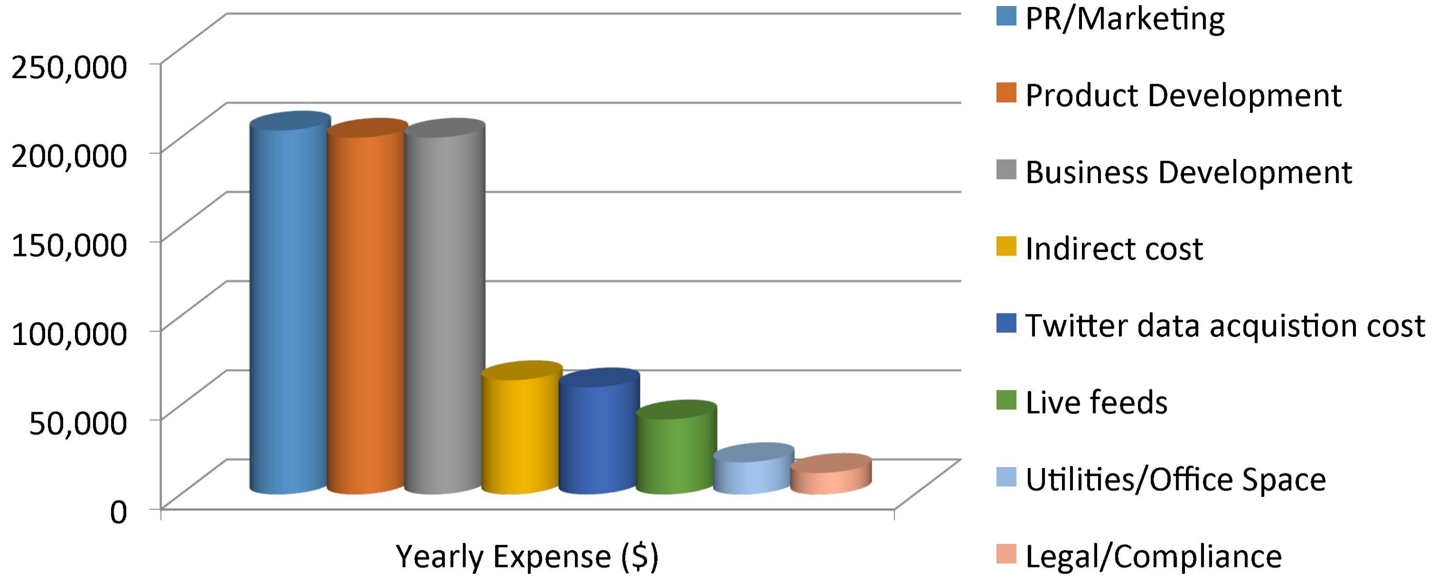
**Impression = 1 Facebook comment or 1 Tweet*

Applications under development

- Mobile application for shoppers to ask questions about products and services – our output will be based on opinion of people on social media.
- Analyze and predict crime

InsightsPod founding Team

- Zubair Khan (CEO)
  - CEO, Tranchulas – A multinational IT Security Company (10 Years)
  - Pursuing MBA from Harvard
  - Bachelors in Business IT from Curtin University of Technology, Australia
  - Accomplished and result oriented with proficiency in IT business management. Analytical expertise in overseeing technology improvement initiatives.
- Anya Rasulova (Director)
  - Business Development and Strategic Partnerships, Google
  - Product Marketing Manager, Google
  - Strategy Manager, Ebay
  - Wharton MBA (Marketing and Operations)
  - BA Economics, Brown University
  - Solid career track record in consulting and internet services



Total Annual Costs = $800k

Sales Forecast

- InsightsPod is pre-revenue
- Estimated break-even point is between 18 to 24 months
- Sales Target is $4m in 2020

Raising $2.4m at $10m valuation to scale

- Required Investment is $2.4m for 3 Years ($800k per year) or Minimum Ticket $1M.
- Use of Proceeds
    - Refine sentiment analysis system – currently 5% false positives
    - Hire a PR Firm
    - Marketing and Sales (American and UK market)
    - Office Space in San Francisco and London

Why Invest?

- First Mover
- Efficient
  - Experienced Team that knows where to focus
- Good Business
  - Subscription Revenue
  - High Margins

From: [redacted] [[redacted]
Sent: 9/17/2016 12:04:41 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

Thank you for the sweatshirts. The thought was very sweet. Next time you send a gift don't put any initials on it so when I regift it no one will suspect. Also in the future think jewelry. You didn't misunderstand. With you I never know what your plans are so since I didn't hear a confirmation from you or your assistant I assumed your plans had changed and you weren't able to do dinner. Just like the Paris trips :-).

Sent from Soon-Yi's iPhone 🎈

On Sep 17, 2016, at 7:54 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

no problem , I thought you told me that you had moved krause so that you could come sunday. . i must have misunderstood. . the sweatshirts were given to a few world leaders yesterday, so i thought you two should also have some. .

On Sat, Sep 17, 2016 at 7:51 AM, <[redacted]> wrote:

> We already have plans on Sunday as I didn't hear from you. I don't think I can change them.
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> On Sep 17, 2016, at 6:50 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> trumps guys changing their plans . all at the trump hotel right down the street from the white house. its a bad movie. president trump . down the street from trump hotel. deepak chopra , again, sunday , I know you moved krause to tonight. .
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From: [redacted]
Sent: 9/17/2016 12:33:56 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

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I didn't call to confirm because I attributed it to your scatterbrained quality and I just assumed that plans had changed and you weren't able to make it. In this civilized society the person being invited doesn't usually have to hound the host. And incidentally Woody doesn't feel dressed unless his clothes have holes in them.

Sent from Soon-Yi's iPhone 🎈

On Sep 17, 2016, at 8:24 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

im surprised you didnt call to confirm? :) . re regifting you just have to find people wth the same initials. . i thought that woody might like to try something that is super soft and doesnt have holes

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Subject: Re:

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Sent: 9/17/2016 3:10:41 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

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I had a good idea. Why don't you join us for dinner with Lawrence Krause? That way you get to see us :-). Originally when we got those bundles I thought it was the DNA swabs.

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From: LHS [redacted]]
Sent: 10/2/2016 12:26:35 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
CC: lhsoffice [redacted]
Subject: Re: Trump

Importance: High

Yes. Let's briefly discuss. Can u have her write me.

Sent from my iPhone

Please direct all scheduling inquiries to my office at: [redacted]

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From: Deepak Chopra [redacted]
Sent: 11/10/2016 10:30:08 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

Thanks

Deepak Chopra
2013 Costa Del Mar Road
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Super Genes: Unlock the Astonishing Power of Your DNA for Optimum Health and Wellbeing

On Nov 10, 2016, at 5:17 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

great

On Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 11:16 PM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]n> wrote:

> Good
> See you this Sat 230 PM ?
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> 2013 Costa Del Mar Road
> Carlsbad, CA 92013
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> New Book: Radicalbeauty.com
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> On Nov 10, 2016, at 5:15 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> yup

On Thu, Nov 10, 2016 at 11:14 PM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted]> wrote:

Did she also drop civil case against you ?

Deepak Chopra

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Sincerely Renata Bolotova

From: Alain Forget [redacted]
Sent: 11/18/2016 11:12:27 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: interesting

Importance: High

Donald Trump's newly named chief strategist and senior counselor, Steve Bannon, laid out his global nationalist vision in unusually in-depth remarks delivered by Skype to a conference held inside the Vatican in the summer of 2014.

Well before victories for Brexit and Trump seemed possible, Bannon declared there was a "global tea party movement" and praised European far-right parties like Great Britain's UKIP and France's National Front. Bannon also suggested that a racist element in far-right parties "all gets kind of washed out," that the West was facing a "crisis of capitalism" after losing its "Judeo-Christian foundation," and he blasted "crony capitalists" in Washington for failing to prosecute bank executives over the financial crisis.

The remarks — beamed into a small conference room in a 15th-century marble palace in a secluded corner of the Vatican — were part of a 50-minute Q&A during a conference focused on poverty hosted by the Human Dignity Institute, which BuzzFeed News attended as part of its coverage of the rise of Europe's religious right. The group was founded by Benjamin Harnwell, a longtime aide to Conservative member of the European Parliament Nirj Deva to promote a "Christian voice" in European politics. The group has ties to some of the most conservative factions inside the Catholic Church; Cardinal Raymond Burke, one of the most vocal critics of Pope Francis who was ousted from a senior Vatican position in 2014, is chair of the group's advisory board.

BuzzFeed News originally posted a transcript beginning 90 seconds into the then-Breitbart News chairman's remarks because microphone placement made the opening mostly unintelligible, but we have completed the transcript from a video of the talk on YouTube. You can hear the whole recording at the bottom of the post.

Here is what he said, unedited:

Steve Bannon: Thank you very much Benjamin, and I appreciate you guys including us in this. We're speaking from Los Angeles today, right across the street from our headquarters in Los Angeles. Um. I want to talk about wealth creation and what wealth creation really can achieve and maybe take it in a slightly different direction, because I believe the world, and particularly the Judeo-Christian west, is in a crisis. And it's really the organizing principle of how we built Breitbart News to really be a platform to bring news and information to people throughout the world. Principally in the west, but we're expanding internationally to let people understand the depths of this crisis, and it is a crisis both of capitalism but really of the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian west in our beliefs.

It's ironic, I think, that we're talking today at exactly, tomorrow, 100 years ago, at the exact moment we're talking, the assassination took place in Sarajevo of Archduke Franz Ferdinand that led to the end of the Victorian era and the beginning of the bloodiest century in mankind's history. Just to put it in perspective, with the assassination that took place 100 years ago tomorrow in Sarajevo, the world was at total peace. There was trade, there was globalization, there was technological transfer, the High Church of England and the Catholic Church and the Christian faith was predominant throughout Europe of practicing Christians. Seven weeks later, I think there were 5 million men in uniform and within 30 days there were over a million casualties.

That war triggered a century of barbaric — unparalleled in mankind's history — virtually 180 to 200 million people were killed in the 20th century, and I believe that, you know, hundreds of years from now when they look back, we're children of that: We're children of that barbarity. This will be looked at almost as a new Dark Age.

But the thing that got us out of it, the organizing principle that met this, was not just the heroism of our people — whether it was French resistance fighters, whether it was the Polish resistance fighters, or it's the young men from Kansas City or the Midwest who stormed the beaches of Normandy, commandos in England that fought with the Royal Air Force, that fought this great war, really the Judeo-Christian West versus atheists, right? The underlying principle is an enlightened form of capitalism, that capitalism really gave us the wherewithal. It kind of organized and built the materials needed to support, whether it's the Soviet Union, England, the United States, and eventually to take back continental Europe and to beat back a barbaric empire in the Far East.

That capitalism really generated tremendous wealth. And that wealth was really distributed among a middle class, a rising middle class, people who come from really working-class environments and created what we really call a Pax Americana. It was many, many years and decades of peace. And I believe we've come partly offtrack in the years since the fall of the Soviet Union and we're starting now in the 21st century, which I believe, strongly, is a crisis both of our church, a crisis of our faith, a crisis of the West, a crisis of capitalism.

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And we're at the very beginning stages of a very brutal and bloody conflict, of which if the people in this room, the people in the church, do not bind together and really form what I feel is an aspect of the church militant, to really be able to not just stand with our beliefs, but to fight for our beliefs against this new barbarity that's starting, that will completely eradicate everything that we've been bequeathed over the last 2,000, 2,500 years.

Now, what I mean by that specifically: I think that you're seeing three kinds of converging tendencies: One is a form of capitalism that is taken away from the underlying spiritual and moral foundations of Christianity and, really, Judeo-Christian belief.

I see that every day. I'm a very practical, pragmatic capitalist. I was trained at Goldman Sachs, I went to Harvard Business School, I was as hard-nosed a capitalist as you get. I specialized in media, in investing in media companies, and it's a very, very tough environment. And you've had a fairly good track record. So I don't want this to kinda sound namby-pamby, "Let's all hold hands and sing 'Kumbaya' around capitalism."

But there's a strand of capitalism today — two strands of it, that are very disturbing.

One is state-sponsored capitalism. And that's the capitalism you see in China and Russia. I believe it's what Holy Father [Pope Francis] has seen for most of his life in places like

Argentina, where you have this kind of crony capitalism of people that are involved with these military powers-that-be in the government, and it forms a brutal form of capitalism that is really about creating wealth and creating value for a very small subset of people. And it doesn't spread the tremendous value creation throughout broader distribution patterns that were seen really in the 20th century.

The second form of capitalism that I feel is almost as disturbing, is what I call the Ayn Rand or the Objectivist School of libertarian capitalism. And, look, I'm a big believer in a lot of libertarianism. I have many many friends that's a very big part of the conservative movement — whether it's the UKIP movement in England, it's many of the underpinnings of the populist movement in Europe, and particularly in the United States.

However, that form of capitalism is quite different when you really look at it to what I call the "enlightened capitalism" of the Judeo-Christian West. It is a capitalism that really looks to make people commodities, and to objectify people, and to use them almost — as many of the precepts of Marx — and that is a form of capitalism, particularly to a younger generation [that] they're really finding quite attractive. And if they don't see another alternative, it's going to be an alternative that they gravitate to under this kind of rubric of "personal freedom."

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The other tendency is an immense secularization of the West. And I know we've talked about secularization for a long time, but if you look at younger people, especially millennials under 30, the overwhelming drive of popular culture is to absolutely secularize this rising iteration.

Now that call converges with something we have to face, and it's a very unpleasant topic, but we are in an outright war against jihadist Islamic fascism. And this war is, I think, metastasizing far quicker than governments can handle it.

If you look at what's happening in ISIS, which is the Islamic State of Syria and the Levant, that is now currently forming the caliphate that is having a military drive on Baghdad, if you look at the sophistication of which they've taken the tools of capitalism. If you look at what they've done with Twitter and Facebook and modern ways to fundraise, and to use crowdsourcing to fund, besides all the access to weapons, over the last couple days they have had a radical program of taking kids and trying to turn them into bombers. They have driven 50,000 Christians out of a town near the Kurdish border. We have video that we're putting up later today on Breitbart where they've took 50 hostages and thrown them off a cliff in Iraq.

That war is expanding and it's metastasizing to sub-Saharan Africa. We have Boko Haram and other groups that will eventually partner with ISIS in this global war, and it is, unfortunately, something that we're going to have to face, and we're going to have to face very quickly.

So I think the discussion of, should we put a cap on wealth creation and distribution? It's something that should be at the heart of every Christian that is a capitalist — "What is the purpose of whatever I'm doing with this wealth? What is the purpose of what I'm doing with the ability that God has given us, that divine providence has given us to actually be a creator of jobs and a creator of wealth?"

I think it really behooves all of us to really take a hard look and make sure that we are reinvesting that back into positive things. But also to make sure that we understand that we're at the very beginning stages of a global conflict, and if we do not bind together as partners with others in other countries that this conflict is only going to metastasize.

They have a Twitter account up today, ISIS does, about turning the United States into a "river of blood" if it comes in and tries to defend the city of Baghdad. And trust me, that is going to come to Europe. That is going to come to Central Europe, it's going to come to Western Europe, it's going to come to the United Kingdom. And so I think we are in a crisis of the underpinnings of capitalism, and on top of that we're now, I believe, at the beginning stages of a global war against Islamic fascism.

“With all the baggage that those [right-wing] groups bring — and trust me, a lot of them bring a lot of baggage, both ethnically and racially— but we think that will all be worked through with time.”

Benjamin Harnwell, Human Dignity Institute: Thank you, Steve. That was a fascinating, fascinating overview. I am particularly struck by your argument, then, that in fact, capitalism would spread around the world based on the Judeo-Christian foundation is, in fact, something that can create peace through peoples rather than antagonism, which is often a point not sufficiently appreciated. Before I turn behind me to take a question —
Bannon: One thing I want to make sure of, if you look at the leaders of capitalism at that time, when capitalism was I believe at its highest flower and spreading its benefits to most of mankind, almost all of those capitalists were strong believers in the Judeo-Christian West. They were either active participants in the Jewish faith, they were active participants in the Christians’ faith, and they took their beliefs, and the underpinnings of their beliefs was manifested in the work they did. And I think that’s incredibly important and something that would really become unmoored. I can see this on Wall Street today — I can see this with the securitization of everything is that, everything is looked at as a securitization opportunity. People are looked at as commodities. I don’t believe that our forefathers had that same belief.
Harnwell: Over the course of this conference we’ve heard from various points of view regarding alleviation of poverty. We’ve heard from the center-left perspective, we’ve heard from the socialist perspective, we’ve heard from the Christian democrat, if you will, perspective. What particularly interests me about your point of view Steve, to talk specifically about your work, Breitbart is very close to the tea party movement. So I’m just wondering whether you could tell me about if in the current flow of contemporary politics — first tell us a little bit about Breitbart, what the mission is, and then tell me about the

reach that you have and then could you say a little bit about the current dynamic of what's going on at the moment in the States.

Bannon: Outside of Fox News and the Drudge Report, we're the third-largest conservative news site and, quite frankly, we have a bigger global reach than even Fox. And that's why we're expanding so much internationally.

Look, we believe — strongly — that there is a global tea party movement. We've seen that. We were the first group to get in and start reporting on things like UKIP and Front National and other center right. With all the baggage that those groups bring — and trust me, a lot of them bring a lot of baggage, both ethnically and racially — but we think that will all be worked through with time.

The central thing that binds that all together is a center-right populist movement of really the middle class, the working men and women in the world who are just tired of being dictated to by what we call the party of Davos. A group of kind of — we're not conspiracy-theory guys, but there's certainly — and I could see this when I worked at Goldman Sachs — there are people in New York that feel closer to people in London and in Berlin than they do to people in Kansas and in Colorado, and they have more of this elite mentality that they're going to dictate to everybody how the world's going to be run.

I will tell you that the working men and women of Europe and Asia and the United States and Latin America don't believe that. They believe they know what's best for how they will comport their lives. They think they know best about how to raise their families and how to educate their families. So I think you're seeing a global reaction to centralized government, whether that government is in Beijing or that government is in Washington, DC, or that government is in Brussels. So we are the platform for the voice of that.

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Now, with that, we are strong capitalists. And we believe in the benefits of capitalism. And, particularly, the harder-nosed the capitalism, the better. However, like I said, there's two strands of capitalism that we're quite concerned about.

One is crony capitalism, or what we call state-controlled capitalism, and that's the big thing the tea party is fighting in the United States, and really the tea party's biggest fight is not with the left, because we're not there yet. The biggest fight the tea party has today is just like UKIP. UKIP's biggest fight is with the Conservative Party.

The tea party in the United States' biggest fight is with the the Republican establishment, which is really a collection of crony capitalists that feel that they have a different set of rules of how they're going to comport themselves and how they're going to run things. And, quite frankly, it's the reason that the United States' financial situation is so dire, particularly our balance sheet. We have virtually a hundred trillion dollars of unfunded liabilities. That is all because you've had this kind of crony capitalism in Washington, DC. The rise of Breitbart is directly tied to being the voice of that center-right opposition. And, quite frankly, we're winning many, many victories.

On the social conservative side, we're the voice of the anti-abortion movement, the voice of the traditional marriage movement, and I can tell you we're winning victory after victory after victory. Things are turning around as people have a voice and have a platform of which they can use.

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Harnwell: The third-largest conservative news website is something to be extremely impressed by. Can you tell for the people here who aren't within the Anglosphere and they might not follow American domestic politics at the moment — there seems to be a substantial sea change going on at the moment in Middle America. And the leader of the majority party, Eric Cantor, was deselected a couple of weeks ago by a tea party candidate. What does that mean for the state of domestic politics in America at the moment?

Bannon: For everybody in your audience, this is one of the most monumental — first off, it's the biggest election upset in the history of the American republic. Eric Cantor was the House majority leader and raised $10 million. He spent, between himself and outside groups, $8 million to hold a congressional district. He ran against a professor who was an evangelical Christian and a libertarian economist. He ran against a professor who raised in total $175,000. In fact, the bills from Eric Cantor's campaign at a elite steak house in Washington, DC, was over $200,000. So they spent more than $200,000 over the course of the campaign wining and dining fat cats at a steak house in Washington than the entire opposition had to run.

Now, Eric Cantor, it was a landslide. He lost 57-43, and not one — outside of Breitbart, we covered this for six months, day in and day out — not one news site — not Fox News, not Politico, no sites picked this up. And the reason that this guy won is quite simple: Middle-class people and working-class people are tired of people like Eric Cantor who say they're conservative selling out their interests every day to crony capitalists.

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And you're seeing that whether that was UKIP and Nigel Farage in the United Kingdom, whether it's these groups in the Low Countries in Europe, whether it's in France, there's a new tea party in Germany. The theme is all the same. And the theme is middle-class and working-class people — they're saying, "Hey, I'm working harder than I've ever worked. I'm getting less benefits than I'm ever getting through this, I'm incurring less wealth myself, and I'm seeing a system of fat cats who say they're conservative and say they back capitalist principles, but all they're doing is binding with corporatists." Right? Corporatists, to garner all the benefits for themselves.

And that center-right revolt is really a global revolt. I think you're going to see it in Latin America, I think you're going to see it in Asia, I think you've already seen it in India. Modi's great victory was very much based on these Reaganesque principles, so I think this is a global revolt, and we are very fortunate and proud to be the news site that is reporting that throughout the world.

Harnwell: I think it's important to understand the distinction that you're drawing here between what can be understood as authentic, free-market capitalism as a means of promoting wealth that [*unintelligible*] involves everybody with a form of crony capitalism which simply benefits a certain class. And we've watched over the course of our conference, we've watched two video segments produced by the Acton Institute about how

development aid is spent internationally and how that can be driven away from — it damages people on the ground but it also perpetuates a governing class. And the point that you're mentioning here, that I think that you're saying has driven almost a revolution movement in America, is the same phenomenon of what's going on in the developing world, which is a concept of government which is no longer doing what it is morally bound to do but has become corrupt and self-serving. So it's effectively the sa—
Bannon: It's exactly the same. Currently, if you read *The Economist*, you read the *Financial Times* this week, you'll see there's a relatively obscure agency in the federal government that is engaged in a huge fight that may lead to a government shutdown. It's called the Export-Import Bank. And for years, it was a bank that helped finance things that other banks wouldn't do. And what's happening over time is that it's metastasized to be a cheap form of financing to General Electric and to Boeing and to other large corporations. You get this financing from other places if they wanted to, but they're putting this onto the middle-class taxpayers to support this.

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And the tea party is using this as an example of the cronyism. General Electric and these major corporations that are in bed with the federal government are not what we'd consider free-enterprise capitalists. We're backers of entrepreneurial capitalists. They're not. They're what we call corporatist. They want to have more and more monopolistic power and they're doing that kind of convergence with big government. And so the fight here — and that's why the media's been very late to this party — but the fight you're seeing is between entrepreneur capitalism, and the Acton Institute is a tremendous supporter of, and the people like the corporatists that are closer to the people like we think in Beijing and Moscow than they are to the entrepreneurial capitalist spirit of the United States.
Harnwell: Thanks, Steve. I'm going to turn around now, as I'm sure we have some great questions from the floor. Who has the first question then?

Bannon: First of all, Benjamin, I can tell you I could hardly recognize you, you're so cleaned up you are for the conference.
[*Laughter*]
Questioner: Hello, my name is Deborah Lubov. I'm a Vatican correspondent for Zenit news agency, for their English edition. I have some experience working in New York — I was working for PricewaterhouseCoopers auditing investment banks, one of which was Goldman Sachs. And considering this conference is on poverty, I'm curious — from your point of view especially, your experience in the investment banking world — what concrete measures do you think they should be doing to combat, prevent this phenomenon? We know that various sums of money are used in all sorts of ways and they do have different initiatives, but in order to concretely counter this epidemic now, what are your thoughts?

"For Christians, and particularly for those who believe in the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian West, I don't believe that we should have a [financial] bailout."

Bannon: That's a great question. The 2008 crisis, I think the financial crisis — which, by the way, I don't think we've come through — is really driven I believe by the greed, much of it driven by the greed of the investment banks. My old firm, Goldman Sachs — traditionally the best banks are leveraged 8:1. When we had the financial crisis in 2008, the investment banks were leveraged 35:1. Those rules had specifically been changed by a guy named Hank Paulson. He was secretary of Treasury. As chairman of Goldman Sachs, he had gone to Washington years before and asked for those changes. That made the banks not really investment banks, but made them hedge funds — and highly susceptible to changes in liquidity. And so the crisis of 2008 was, quite frankly, really never recovered from in the United States. It's one of the reasons last quarter you saw 2.9% negative growth in a quarter. So the United States economy is in very, very tough shape.
And one of the reasons is that we've never really gone and dug down and sorted through the problems of 2008. Particularly the fact — think about it — not one criminal charge has ever been brought to any bank executive associated with 2008 crisis. And in fact, it gets worse. No bonuses and none of their equity was taken. So part of the prime drivers of the wealth that they took in the 15 years leading up to the crisis was not hit at all, and I think

that's one of the fuels of this populist revolt that we're seeing as the tea party. So I think there are many, many measures, particularly about getting the banks on better footing, making them address all the liquid assets they have. I think you need a real clean-up of the banks balance sheets.

In addition, I think you really need to go back and make banks do what they do: Commercial banks lend money, and investment banks invest in entrepreneurs and to get away from this trading — you know, the hedge fund securitization, which they've all become basically trading operations and securitizations and not put capital back and really grow businesses and to grow the economy. So I think it's a whole area that just — and I will tell you, the underpinning of this populist revolt is the financial crisis of 2008. That revolt, the way that it was dealt with, the way that the people who ran the banks and ran the hedge funds have never really been held accountable for what they did, has fueled much of the anger in the tea party movement in the United States.

Questioner: Thank you.

Bannon: Great question.

Questioner: Hello, Mr. Bannon. I'm Mario Fantini, a Vermonter living in Vienna, Austria. You began describing some of the trends you're seeing worldwide, very dangerous trends, worry trends. Another movement that I've been seeing grow and spread in Europe, unfortunately, is what can only be described as tribalist or neo-nativist movement — they call themselves Identitarians. These are mostly young, working-class, populist groups, and they're teaching self-defense classes, but also they are arguing against — and quite effectively, I might add — against capitalism and global financial institutions, etc. How do we counteract this stuff? Because they're appealing to a lot of young people at a very visceral level, especially with the ethnic and racial stuff.

Bannon: I didn't hear the whole question, about the tribalist?

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Questioner: Very simply put, there's a growing movement among young people here in Europe, in France and in Austria and elsewhere, and they're arguing very effectively against Wall Street institutions and they're also appealing to people on an ethnic and racial level. And I was just wondering what you would recommend to counteract these movements, which are growing.

Bannon: One of the reasons that you can understand how they're being fueled is that they're not seeing the benefits of capitalism. I mean particularly — and I think it's particularly more advanced in Europe than it is in the United States, but in the United States it's getting pretty advanced — is that when you have this kind of crony capitalism, you have a different set of rules for the people that make the rules. It's this partnership of big government and corporatists. I think it starts to fuel, particularly as you start to see negative job creation. If you go back, in fact, and look at the United States' GDP, you look at a bunch of Europe. If you take out government spending, you know, we've had negative growth on a real basis for over a decade.

And that all trickles down to the man in the street. If you look at people's lives, and particularly millennials, look at people under 30 — people under 30, there's 50% really under employment of people in the United States, which is probably the most advanced economy in the West, and it gets worse in Europe.

I think in Spain it's something like 50 or 60% of the youth under 30 are underemployed. And that means the decade of their twenties, which is where you have to learn a skill, where you have to learn a craft, where you really start to get comfortable in your profession, you're taking that away from the entire generation. That's only going to fuel tribalism, that's only going to fuel [*unintelligible*]... That's why to me, it's incumbent upon freedom-loving people to make sure that we sort out these governments and make sure that we sort out particularly this crony capitalism so that the benefits become more of this entrepreneurial spirit and that can flow back to working-class and middle-class people. Because if not, we're going to pay a huge price for this. You can already start to see it.

Questioner: I have a question, because you worked on Wall Street. What is the opinion there on whether they think bank bailouts are justified? Is there a Christian-centered [*unintelligible*] that they think should be bailed out? The crisis starts earlier than 2008. What was the precedent then? What was the feeling on Wall Street when they bailed out the banks? How should Christians feel about advocating or being against that?

Bannon: I think one is about responsibility. For Christians, and particularly for those who believe in the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian West, I don't believe that we should have a bailout. I think the bailouts in 2008 were wrong. And I think, you look in hindsight, it was a lot of misinformation that was presented about the bailouts of the banks in the West.

And look at the [*unintelligible*] it. Middle-class taxpayers, people that are working-class people, right, people making incomes under $50,000 and $60,000, it was the burden of those taxpayers, right, that bailed out the elites. And let's think about it for a second. Here's how capitalism metastasized, is that all the burdens put on the working-class people who get none of the upside. All of the upside goes to the crony capitalists.

The bailouts were absolutely outrageous, and here's why: It bailed out a group of shareholders and executives who were specifically accountable. The shareholders were accountable for one simple reason: They allowed this to go wrong without changing management. And the management team of this. And we know this now from congressional investigations, we know it from independent investigations, this is not some secret conspiracy. This is kind of in plain sight.

In fact, one of the committees in Congress said to the Justice Department 35 executives, I believe, that they should have criminal indictments against — not one of those has ever been followed up on. Because even with the Democrats, right, in power, there's a sense between the law firms, and the accounting firms, and the investment banks, and their stooges on Capitol Hill, they looked the other way.

So you can understand why middle class people having a tough go of it making $50 or $60 thousand a year and see their taxes go up, and they see that their taxes are going to pay for government sponsored bailouts, what you've created is really a free option. You say to this investment banking, create a free option for bad behavior. In otherwise all the upside goes to the hedge funds and the investment bank, and to the crony capitalist with stock increases and bonus increases. And their downside is limited, because middle class people are going to come and bail them out with tax dollars.

And that's what I think is fueling this populist revolt. Whether that revolt is in the midlands of England, or whether it's in Middle America. And I think people are fed up with it.

And I think that's why you're seeing — when you read the media says, "tea party is losing, losing elections," that is all BS. The elections we don't win, we're forcing those crony capitalists to come and admit that they're not going to do this again. The whole narrative in Washington has been changed by this populist revolt that we call the grassroots of the tea party movement.

And it's specifically because those bailouts were completely and totally unfair. It didn't make those financial institutions any stronger, and it bailed out a bunch of people — by the way, and these are people that have all gone to Yale, and Harvard, they went to the finest institutions in the West. They should have known better.

And by the way: It's all the institutions of the accounting firms, the law firms, the investment banks, the consulting firms, the elite of the elite, the educated elite, they understood what they were getting into, forcibly took all the benefits from it and then look to the government, went hat in hand to the government to be bailed out. And they've never been held accountable today. Trust me — they are going to be held accountable. You're seeing this populist movement called the tea party in the United States.

Harnwell: Okay, I think we've got time for just one or two more questions for Stephen K. Bannon, chairman of Breitbart Media, third-largest news organization in the States. I know you're a very, very busy man, so we're very grateful for the time that you've agreed to put aside for this, to close this conference.

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Bannon: I'm never too busy to share with a group that can do as much good as you guys can.

Questioner: What do you think is the major threat today, to the Judeo-Christian Civilization? Secularism, or the Muslim world? In my humble opinion, they're just trying to defend themselves from our cultural invasion. Thank you.

[*Question restated by Harnwell*]

Bannon: It's a great question. I certainly think secularism has sapped the strength of the Judeo-Christian West to defend its ideals, right?

If you go back to your home countries and your proponent of the defense of the Judeo-Christian West and its tenets, often times, particularly when you deal with the elites, you're looked at as someone who is quite odd. So it has kind of sapped the strength.

But I strongly believe that whatever the causes of the current drive to the caliphate was — and we can debate them, and people can try to deconstruct them — we have to face a very unpleasant fact: And that unpleasant fact is that there is a major war brewing, a war that's already global. It's going global in scale, and today's technology, today's media, today's access to weapons of mass destruction, it's going to lead to a global conflict that I believe has to be confronted today. Every day that we refuse to look at this as what it is, and the scale of it, and really the viciousness of it, will be a day where you will rue that we didn't act [*unintelligible*].

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Questioner: Thank you very much. I'm [*unintelligible*]. I come from Slovakia. This is actually the source of my two very quick questions. Thank you very much for the work that you do to promote the Judeo-Christian values in the world. I really appreciate it, and I also feel that the danger is very high. I have two minor questions, because you have mentioned, in terms of UKIP and Front National [*unintelligible*]. From the European perspective, listening to the language which has become more and more radical from these two parties, especially before the European Parliament elections, I'm just wondering what are your plans on how to help these partners from Europe to maybe focus on the value issues and not with populist? And also it goes in terms — you have mentioned the involvement of state in capitalism as one of the big dangers. But these two parties you've mentioned, they actually have close ties with Putin, who is the promoter of this big danger, so I'd like to know your thoughts about this and how you're going to deal with it.

Bannon: Could you summarize that for me?

Harnwell: The first question was, you'd reference the Front National and UKIP as having elements that are tinged with the racial aspect amidst their voter profile, and the questioner was asking how you intend to deal with that aspect.

Bannon: I don't believe I said UKIP in that. I was really talking about the parties on the continent, Front National and other European parties.

I'm not an expert in this, but it seems that they have had some aspects that may be anti-Semitic or racial. By the way, even in the tea party, we have a broad movement like this, and we've been criticized, and they try to make the tea party as being racist, etc., which it's not. But there's always elements who turn up at these things, whether it's militia guys or whatever. Some that are fringe organizations. My point is that over time it all gets kind of washed out, right? People understand what pulls them together, and the people on the margins I think get marginalized more and more.

I believe that you'll see this in the center-right populist movement in continental Europe. I've spent quite a bit of time with UKIP, and I can say to you that I've never seen anything at all with UKIP that even comes close to that. I think they've done a very good job of policing themselves to really make sure that people including the British National Front and others were not included in the party, and I think you've seen that also with tea party groups, where some people would show up and were kind of marginal members of the tea party, and the tea party did a great job of policing themselves early on. And I think that's why when you hear charges of racism against the tea party, it doesn't stick with the American people, because they really understand.

I think when you look at any kind of revolution — and this is a revolution — you always have some groups that are disparate. I think that will all burn away over time and you'll see more of a mainstream center-right populist movement.

"Because at the end of the day, I think that Putin and his cronies are really a kleptocracy, that are really an imperialist power that want to expand."

Question: Obviously, before the European elections the two parties had a clear link to Putin. If one of the representatives of the dangers of capitalism is the state involvement in capitalism, so, I see there, also Marine Le Pen campaigning in Moscow with Putin, and also UKIP strongly defending Russian positions in geopolitical terms.
[*Harnwell restates, but unintelligible*]
Harnwell: These two parties have both been cultivating President Putin [*unintelligible*].
Bannon: I think it's a little bit more complicated. When Vladimir Putin, when you really look at some of the underpinnings of some of his beliefs today, a lot of those come from what I call Eurasianism; he's got an adviser who harkens back to Julius Evola and different writers of the early 20th century who are really the supporters of what's called the traditionalist movement, which really eventually metastasized into Italian fascism. A lot of people that are traditionalists are attracted to that.
One of the reasons is that they believe that at least Putin is standing up for traditional institutions, and he's trying to do it in a form of nationalism — and I think that people, particularly in certain countries, want to see the sovereignty for their country, they want to see nationalism for their country. They don't believe in this kind of pan-European Union or they don't believe in the centralized government in the United States. They'd rather see more of a states-based entity that the founders originally set up where freedoms were controlled at the local level.

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I'm not justifying Vladimir Putin and the kleptocracy that he represents, because he eventually is the state capitalist of kleptocracy. However, we the Judeo-Christian West really have to look at what he's talking about as far as traditionalism goes — particularly the sense of where it supports the underpinnings of nationalism — and I happen to think that the individual sovereignty of a country is a good thing and a strong thing. I think strong countries and strong nationalist movements in countries make strong neighbors, and that is really the building blocks that built Western Europe and the United States, and I think it's what can see us forward.

You know, Putin's been quite an interesting character. He's also very, very, very intelligent. I can see this in the United States where he's playing very strongly to social conservatives about his message about more traditional values, so I think it's something that we have to be very much on guard of. Because at the end of the day, I think that Putin and his cronies are really a kleptocracy, that are really an imperialist power that want to expand. However, I really believe that in this current environment, where you're facing a potential new caliphate that is very aggressive that is really a situation — I'm not saying we can put it on a back burner — but I think we have to deal with first things first.

Questioner: One of my questions has to do with how the West should be responding to radical Islam. How, specifically, should we as the West respond to Jihadism without losing our own soul? Because we can win the war and lose ourselves at the same time. How should the West respond to radical Islam and not lose itself in the process?

Bannon: From a perspective — this may be a little more militant than others. I think definitely you're going to need an aspect that is [*unintelligible*]. I believe you should take a very, very, very aggressive stance against radical Islam. And I realize there are other aspects that are not as militant and not as aggressive and that's fine.

If you look back at the long history of the Judeo-Christian West struggle against Islam, I believe that our forefathers kept their stance, and I think they did the right thing. I think they kept it out of the world, whether it was at Vienna, or Tours, or other places... It bequeathed to use the great institution that is the church of the West.

And I would ask everybody in the audience today, because you really are the movers and drivers and shakers and thought leaders in the Catholic Church today, is to think, when people 500 years from now are going to think about today, think about the actions you've taken — and I believe everyone associated with the church and associated with the Judeo-Christian West that believes in the underpinnings of that and believes in the precepts of that and want to see that bequeathed to other generations down the road as it was bequeathed to us, particularly as you're in a city like Rome, and in a place like the Vatican, see what's been bequeathed to us — ask yourself, 500 years from today, what are they going to say about me? What are they going to say about what I did at the beginning stages of this crisis?

Because it is a crisis, and it's not going away. You don't have to take my word for it. All you have to do is read the news every day, see what's coming up, see what they're putting on Twitter, what they're putting on Facebook, see what's on CNN, what's on BBC. See what's happening, and you will see we're in a war of immense proportions. It's very easy to play to our baser instincts, and we can't do that. But our forefathers didn't do it either. And they were able to stave this off, and they were able to defeat it, and they were able to bequeath to us a church and a civilization that really is the flower of mankind, so I think it's incumbent on all of us to do what I call a gut check, to really think about what our role is in this battle that's before us.

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> *Donald Trump's newly named chief strategist and senior counselor, Steve Bannon, laid out his global nationalist vision in unusually in-depth remarks delivered by Skype to a conference held inside the Vatican in the summer of 2014.*
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> *Well before victories for Brexit and Trump seemed possible, Bannon declared there was a "global tea party movement" and praised European far-right parties like Great Britain's UKIP and France's National Front. Bannon also suggested that a racist element in far-right parties "all gets kind of washed out," that the West was facing a "crisis of capitalism" after losing its "Judeo-Christian foundation," and he blasted "crony capitalists" in Washington for failing to prosecute bank executives over the financial crisis.*
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> *The remarks — beamed into a small conference room in a 15th-century marble palace in a secluded corner of the Vatican — were part of a 50-minute Q&A during a conference focused on poverty hosted by the Human Dignity Institute, which BuzzFeed News attended as part of its coverage of the rise of Europe's religious right. The group was founded by Benjamin Harnwell, a longtime aide to Conservative member of the European Parliament Nirj Deva to promote a "Christian voice" in European politics. The group has ties to some of the most conservative factions inside the Catholic Church; Cardinal Raymond Burke, one of the most vocal critics of Pope Francis who was ousted from a senior Vatican position in 2014, is chair of the group's advisory board.*
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> *BuzzFeed News originally posted a transcript beginning 90 seconds into the then-Breitbart News chairman's remarks because microphone placement made the opening*

mostly unintelligible, but we have completed the transcript from a video of the talk on YouTube. You can hear the whole recording at the bottom of the post.

Here is what he said, unedited:

Steve Bannon: Thank you very much Benjamin, and I appreciate you guys including us in this. We're speaking from Los Angeles today, right across the street from our headquarters in Los Angeles. Um. I want to talk about wealth creation and what wealth creation really can achieve and maybe take it in a slightly different direction, because I believe the world, and particularly the Judeo-Christian west, is in a crisis. And it's really the organizing principle of how we built Breitbart News to really be a platform to bring news and information to people throughout the world. Principally in the west, but we're expanding internationally to let people understand the depths of this crisis, and it is a crisis both of capitalism but really of the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian west in our beliefs.

It's ironic, I think, that we're talking today at exactly, tomorrow, 100 years ago, at the exact moment we're talking, the assassination took place in Sarajevo of Archduke Franz Ferdinand that led to the end of the Victorian era and the beginning of the bloodiest century in mankind's history. Just to put it in perspective, with the assassination that took place 100 years ago tomorrow in Sarajevo, the world was at total peace. There was trade, there was globalization, there was technological transfer, the High Church of England and the Catholic Church and the Christian faith was predominant throughout Europe of practicing Christians. Seven weeks later, I think there were 5 million men in uniform and within 30 days there were over a million casualties.

That war triggered a century of barbaric — unparalleled in mankind's history — virtually 180 to 200 million people were killed in the 20th century, and I believe that, you know, hundreds of years from now when they look back, we're children of that: We're children of that barbarity. This will be looked at almost as a new Dark Age.

But the thing that got us out of it, the organizing principle that met this, was not just the heroism of our people — whether it was French resistance fighters, whether it was the Polish resistance fighters, or it's the young men from Kansas City or the Midwest who stormed the beaches of Normandy, commandos in England that fought with the Royal Air Force, that fought this great war, really the Judeo-Christian West versus atheists, right? The underlying principle is an enlightened form of capitalism, that capitalism really gave us the wherewithal. It kind of organized and built the materials needed to support, whether it's the Soviet Union, England, the United States, and eventually to take back continental Europe and to beat back a barbaric empire in the Far East.

That capitalism really generated tremendous wealth. And that wealth was really distributed among a middle class, a rising middle class, people who come from really working-class environments and created what we really call a Pax Americana. It was many, many years and decades of peace. And I believe we've come partly offtrack in the years since the fall of the Soviet Union and we're starting now in the 21st century, which I believe, strongly, is a crisis both of our church, a crisis of our faith, a crisis of the West, a crisis of capitalism.

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And we're at the very beginning stages of a very brutal and bloody conflict, of which if the people in this room, the people in the church, do not bind together and really form what I feel is an aspect of the church militant, to really be able to not just stand with our beliefs, but to fight for our beliefs against this new barbarity that's starting, that will completely eradicate everything that we've been bequeathed over the last 2,000, 2,500 years.

Now, what I mean by that specifically: I think that you're seeing three kinds of converging tendencies: One is a form of capitalism that is taken away from the underlying spiritual and moral foundations of Christianity and, really, Judeo-Christian belief.

I see that every day. I'm a very practical, pragmatic capitalist. I was trained at Goldman Sachs, I went to Harvard Business School, I was as hard-nosed a capitalist as you get. I specialized in media, in investing in media companies, and it's a very, very tough environment. And you've had a fairly good track record. So I don't want this to kinda sound namby-pamby, "Let's all hold hands and sing 'Kumbaya' around capitalism."

But there's a strand of capitalism today — two strands of it, that are very disturbing.

One is state-sponsored capitalism. And that's the capitalism you see in China and Russia. I believe it's what Holy Father [Pope Francis] has seen for most of his life in places like Argentina, where you have this kind of crony capitalism of people that are involved with these military powers-that-be in the government, and it forms a brutal form of capitalism that is really about creating wealth and creating value for a very small subset of people. And it doesn't spread the tremendous value creation throughout broader distribution patterns that were seen really in the 20th century.

The second form of capitalism that I feel is almost as disturbing, is what I call the Ayn Rand or the Objectivist School of libertarian capitalism. And, look, I'm a big believer in a lot of libertarianism. I have many many friends that's a very big part of the conservative movement — whether it's the UKIP movement in England, it's many of the underpinnings of the populist movement in Europe, and particularly in the United States.

However, that form of capitalism is quite different when you really look at it to what I call the "enlightened capitalism" of the Judeo-Christian West. It is a capitalism that really looks to make people commodities, and to objectify people, and to use them almost — as many of the precepts of Marx — and that is a form of capitalism, particularly to a younger generation [that] they're really finding quite attractive. And if they don't see another alternative, it's going to be an alternative that they gravitate to under this kind of rubric of "personal freedom."

> "Look at what's happening in ISIS … look at the sophistication of which they've taken the tools of capitalism … at what they've done with Twitter and Facebook."

The other tendency is an immense secularization of the West. And I know we've talked about secularization for a long time, but if you look at younger people, especially millennials under 30, the overwhelming drive of popular culture is to absolutely secularize this rising iteration.

Now that call converges with something we have to face, and it's a very unpleasant topic, but we are in an outright war against jihadist Islamic fascism. And this war is, I think, metastasizing far quicker than governments can handle it.

If you look at what's happening in ISIS, which is the Islamic State of Syria and the Levant, that is now currently forming the caliphate that is having a military drive on Baghdad, if you look at the sophistication of which they've taken the tools of capitalism. If you look at what they've done with Twitter and Facebook and modern ways to fundraise, and to use crowdsourcing to fund, besides all the access to weapons, over the last couple days they have had a radical program of taking kids and trying to turn them into bombers. They have driven 50,000 Christians out of a town near the Kurdish border. We have video that we're putting up later today on Breitbart where they've took 50 hostages and thrown them off a cliff in Iraq.

That war is expanding and it's metastasizing to sub-Saharan Africa. We have Boko Haram and other groups that will eventually partner with ISIS in this global war, and it is, unfortunately, something that we're going to have to face, and we're going to have to face very quickly.

So I think the discussion of, should we put a cap on wealth creation and distribution? It's something that should be at the heart of every Christian that is a capitalist — "What is the purpose of whatever I'm doing with this wealth? What is the purpose of what I'm doing with the ability that God has given us, that divine providence has given us to actually be a creator of jobs and a creator of wealth?"

I think it really behooves all of us to really take a hard look and make sure that we are reinvesting that back into positive things. But also to make sure that we understand that we're at the very beginning stages of a global conflict, and if we do not bind together as partners with others in other countries that this conflict is only going to metastasize.

They have a Twitter account up today, ISIS does, about turning the United States into a "river of blood" if it comes in and tries to defend the city of Baghdad. And trust me, that is going to come to Europe. That is going to come to Central Europe, it's going to come to

Western Europe, it's going to come to the United Kingdom. And so I think we are in a crisis of the underpinnings of capitalism, and on top of that we're now, I believe, at the beginning stages of a global war against Islamic fascism.

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Benjamin Harnwell, Human Dignity Institute: Thank you, Steve. That was a fascinating, fascinating overview. I am particularly struck by your argument, then, that in fact, capitalism would spread around the world based on the Judeo-Christian foundation is, in fact, something that can create peace through peoples rather than antagonism, which is often a point not sufficiently appreciated. Before I turn behind me to take a question —

Bannon: One thing I want to make sure of, if you look at the leaders of capitalism at that time, when capitalism was I believe at its highest flower and spreading its benefits to most of mankind, almost all of those capitalists were strong believers in the Judeo-Christian West. They were either active participants in the Jewish faith, they were active participants in the Christians' faith, and they took their beliefs, and the underpinnings of their beliefs was manifested in the work they did. And I think that's incredibly important and something that would really become unmoored. I can see this on Wall Street today — I can see this with the securitization of everything is that, everything is looked at as a securitization opportunity. People are looked at as commodities. I don't believe that our forefathers had that same belief.

Harnwell: Over the course of this conference we've heard from various points of view regarding alleviation of poverty. We've heard from the center-left perspective, we've heard from the socialist perspective, we've heard from the Christian democrat, if you will, perspective. What particularly interests me about your point of view Steve, to talk specifically about your work, Breitbart is very close to the tea party movement. So I'm just wondering whether you could tell me about if in the current flow of contemporary politics — first tell us a little bit about Breitbart, what the mission is, and then tell me about the reach that you have and then could you say a little bit about the current dynamic of what's going on at the moment in the States.

Bannon: Outside of Fox News and the Drudge Report, we're the third-largest conservative news site and, quite frankly, we have a bigger global reach than even Fox. And that's why we're expanding so much internationally.

Look, we believe — strongly — that there is a global tea party movement. We've seen that. We were the first group to get in and start reporting on things like UKIP and Front National and other center right. With all the baggage that those groups bring — and trust me, a lot of them bring a lot of baggage, both ethnically and racially — but we think that will all be worked through with time.

The central thing that binds that all together is a center-right populist movement of really the middle class, the working men and women in the world who are just tired of being dictated to by what we call the party of Davos. A group of kind of — we're not conspiracy-theory guys, but there's certainly — and I could see this when I worked at Goldman Sachs — there are people in New York that feel closer to people in London and in Berlin than they do to people in Kansas and in Colorado, and they have more of this elite mentality that they're going to dictate to everybody how the world's going to be run.

I will tell you that the working men and women of Europe and Asia and the United States and Latin America don't believe that. They believe they know what's best for how they will comport their lives. They think they know best about how to raise their families and how to educate their families. So I think you're seeing a global reaction to centralized government, whether that government is in Beijing or that government is in Washington, DC, or that government is in Brussels. So we are the platform for the voice of that.

"Putin's … very, very very intelligent. I can see this in the United States where he's playing very strongly to social conservatives about his message about more traditional values, so I think it's something that we have to be very much on guard of."

Now, with that, we are strong capitalists. And we believe in the benefits of capitalism. And, particularly, the harder-nosed the capitalism, the better. However, like I said, there's two strands of capitalism that we're quite concerned about.

One is crony capitalism, or what we call state-controlled capitalism, and that's the big thing the tea party is fighting in the United States, and really the tea party's biggest fight is not with the left, because we're not there yet. The biggest fight the tea party has today is just like UKIP. UKIP's biggest fight is with the Conservative Party.

The tea party in the United States' biggest fight is with the the Republican establishment, which is really a collection of crony capitalists that feel that they have a different set of rules of how they're going to comport themselves and how they're going to run things. And, quite frankly, it's the reason that the United States' financial situation is so dire, particularly our balance sheet. We have virtually a hundred trillion dollars of unfunded liabilities. That is all because you've had this kind of crony capitalism in Washington, DC.

The rise of Breitbart is directly tied to being the voice of that center-right opposition. And, quite frankly, we're winning many, many victories.

On the social conservative side, we're the voice of the anti-abortion movement, the voice of the traditional marriage movement, and I can tell you we're winning victory after victory after victory. Things are turning around as people have a voice and have a platform of which they can use.

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Harnwell: The third-largest conservative news website is something to be extremely impressed by. Can you tell for the people here who aren't within the Anglosphere and they might not follow American domestic politics at the moment — there seems to be a substantial sea change going on at the moment in Middle America. And the leader of the majority party, Eric Cantor, was deselected a couple of weeks ago by a tea party candidate. What does that mean for the state of domestic politics in America at the moment?

Bannon: For everybody in your audience, this is one of the most monumental — first off, it's the biggest election upset in the history of the American republic. Eric Cantor was the House majority leader and raised $10 million. He spent, between himself and outside groups, $8 million to hold a congressional district. He ran against a professor who was an evangelical Christian and a libertarian economist. He ran against a professor who raised in total $175,000. In fact, the bills from Eric Cantor's campaign at a elite steak house in Washington, DC, was over $200,000. So they spent more than $200,000 over the course of the campaign wining and dining fat cats at a steak house in Washington than the entire opposition had to run.

Now, Eric Cantor, it was a landslide. He lost 57-43, and not one — outside of Breitbart, we covered this for six months, day in and day out — not one news site — not Fox News, not Politico, no sites picked this up. And the reason that this guy won is quite simple: Middle-class people and working-class people are tired of people like Eric Cantor who say they're conservative selling out their interests every day to crony capitalists.

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And you're seeing that whether that was UKIP and Nigel Farage in the United Kingdom, whether it's these groups in the Low Countries in Europe, whether it's in France, there's a new tea party in Germany. The theme is all the same. And the theme is middle-class and working-class people — they're saying, "Hey, I'm working harder than I've ever worked. I'm getting less benefits than I'm ever getting through this, I'm incurring less wealth myself, and I'm seeing a system of fat cats who say they're conservative and say they back capitalist principles, but all they're doing is binding with corporatists." Right? Corporatists, to garner all the benefits for themselves.

And that center-right revolt is really a global revolt. I think you're going to see it in Latin America, I think you're going to see it in Asia, I think you've already seen it in India. Modi's great victory was very much based on these Reaganesque principles, so I think this is a global revolt, and we are very fortunate and proud to be the news site that is reporting that throughout the world.

Harnwell: I think it's important to understand the distinction that you're drawing here between what can be understood as authentic, free-market capitalism as a means of promoting wealth that [*unintelligible*] involves everybody with a form of crony capitalism which simply benefits a certain class. And we've watched over the course of our conference, we've watched two video segments produced by the Acton Institute about how development aid is spent internationally and how that can be driven away from — it damages people on the ground but it also perpetuates a governing class. And the point that you're mentioning here, that I think that you're saying has driven almost a revolution movement in America, is the same phenomenon of what's going on in the developing world, which is a concept of government which is no longer doing what it is morally bound to do but has become corrupt and self-serving. So it's effectively the sa—

Bannon: It's exactly the same. Currently, if you read *The Economist*, you read the *Financial Times* this week, you'll see there's a relatively obscure agency in the federal government that is engaged in a huge fight that may lead to a government shutdown. It's called the Export-Import Bank. And for years, it was a bank that helped finance things that other banks wouldn't do. And what's happening over time is that it's metastasized to be a cheap form of financing to General Electric and to Boeing and to other large corporations. You get this financing from other places if they wanted to, but they're putting this onto the middle-class taxpayers to support this.

"I'm not an expert in this, but it seems that [right-wing parties] have had some aspects that may be anti-Semitic or racial … My point is that over time it all gets kind of washed out, right?"

And the tea party is using this as an example of the cronyism. General Electric and these major corporations that are in bed with the federal government are not what we'd consider free-enterprise capitalists. We're backers of entrepreneurial capitalists. They're not. They're what we call corporatist. They want to have more and more monopolistic power and they're doing that kind of convergence with big government. And so the fight here — and that's why the media's been very late to this party — but the fight you're seeing is between entrepreneur capitalism, and the Acton Institute is a tremendous supporter of, and the people like the corporatists that are closer to the people like we think in Beijing and Moscow than they are to the entrepreneurial capitalist spirit of the United States.

Harnwell: Thanks, Steve. I'm going to turn around now, as I'm sure we have some great questions from the floor. Who has the first question then?

Bannon: First of all, Benjamin, I can tell you I could hardly recognize you, you're so cleaned up you are for the conference.
[*Laughter*]
Questioner: Hello, my name is Deborah Lubov. I'm a Vatican correspondent for Zenit news agency, for their English edition. I have some experience working in New York — I was working for PricewaterhouseCoopers auditing investment banks, one of which was Goldman Sachs. And considering this conference is on poverty, I'm curious — from your point of view especially, your experience in the investment banking world — what concrete measures do you think they should be doing to combat, prevent this phenomenon? We know that various sums of money are used in all sorts of ways and they do have different initiatives, but in order to concretely counter this epidemic now, what are your thoughts?

"For Christians, and particularly for those who believe in the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian West, I don't believe that we should have a [financial] bailout."

Bannon: That's a great question. The 2008 crisis, I think the financial crisis — which, by the way, I don't think we've come through — is really driven I believe by the greed, much of it driven by the greed of the investment banks. My old firm, Goldman Sachs — traditionally the best banks are leveraged 8:1. When we had the financial crisis in 2008, the investment banks were leveraged 35:1. Those rules had specifically been changed by a guy named Hank Paulson. He was secretary of Treasury. As chairman of Goldman Sachs, he had gone to Washington years before and asked for those changes. That made the banks not really investment banks, but made them hedge funds — and highly susceptible to changes in liquidity. And so the crisis of 2008 was, quite frankly, really never recovered from in the United States. It's one of the reasons last quarter you saw 2.9% negative growth in a quarter. So the United States economy is in very, very tough shape.
And one of the reasons is that we've never really gone and dug down and sorted through the problems of 2008. Particularly the fact — think about it — not one criminal charge has ever been brought to any bank executive associated with 2008 crisis. And in fact, it gets worse. No bonuses and none of their equity was taken. So part of the prime drivers of the

wealth that they took in the 15 years leading up to the crisis was not hit at all, and I think that's one of the fuels of this populist revolt that we're seeing as the tea party. So I think there are many, many measures, particularly about getting the banks on better footing, making them address all the liquid assets they have. I think you need a real clean-up of the banks balance sheets.

In addition, I think you really need to go back and make banks do what they do: Commercial banks lend money, and investment banks invest in entrepreneurs and to get away from this trading — you know, the hedge fund securitization, which they've all become basically trading operations and securitizations and not put capital back and really grow businesses and to grow the economy. So I think it's a whole area that just — and I will tell you, the underpinning of this populist revolt is the financial crisis of 2008. That revolt, the way that it was dealt with, the way that the people who ran the banks and ran the hedge funds have never really been held accountable for what they did, has fueled much of the anger in the tea party movement in the United States.

Questioner: Thank you.

Bannon: Great question.

Questioner: Hello, Mr. Bannon. I'm Mario Fantini, a Vermonter living in Vienna, Austria. You began describing some of the trends you're seeing worldwide, very dangerous trends, worry trends. Another movement that I've been seeing grow and spread in Europe, unfortunately, is what can only be described as tribalist or neo-nativist movement — they call themselves Identitarians. These are mostly young, working-class, populist groups, and they're teaching self-defense classes, but also they are arguing against — and quite effectively, I might add — against capitalism and global financial institutions, etc. How do we counteract this stuff? Because they're appealing to a lot of young people at a very visceral level, especially with the ethnic and racial stuff.

Bannon: I didn't hear the whole question, about the tribalist?

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Questioner: Very simply put, there's a growing movement among young people here in Europe, in France and in Austria and elsewhere, and they're arguing very effectively against Wall Street institutions and they're also appealing to people on an ethnic and racial level. And I was just wondering what you would recommend to counteract these movements, which are growing.

Bannon: One of the reasons that you can understand how they're being fueled is that they're not seeing the benefits of capitalism. I mean particularly — and I think it's particularly more advanced in Europe than it is in the United States, but in the United States it's getting pretty advanced — is that when you have this kind of crony capitalism, you have a different set of rules for the people that make the rules. It's this partnership of big government and corporatists. I think it starts to fuel, particularly as you start to see negative job creation. If you go back, in fact, and look at the United States' GDP, you look at a bunch of Europe. If you take out government spending, you know, we've had negative growth on a real basis for over a decade.

And that all trickles down to the man in the street. If you look at people's lives, and particularly millennials, look at people under 30 — people under 30, there's 50% really under employment of people in the United States, which is probably the most advanced economy in the West, and it gets worse in Europe.

I think in Spain it's something like 50 or 60% of the youth under 30 are underemployed. And that means the decade of their twenties, which is where you have to learn a skill, where you have to learn a craft, where you really start to get comfortable in your profession, you're taking that away from the entire generation. That's only going to fuel tribalism, that's only going to fuel [*unintelligible*]... That's why to me, it's incumbent upon freedom-loving people to make sure that we sort out these governments and make sure that we sort out particularly this crony capitalism so that the benefits become more of this entrepreneurial spirit and that can flow back to working-class and middle-class people. Because if not, we're going to pay a huge price for this. You can already start to see it.

Questioner: I have a question, because you worked on Wall Street. What is the opinion there on whether they think bank bailouts are justified? Is there a Christian-centered [*unintelligible*] that they think should be bailed out? The crisis starts earlier than 2008. What was the precedent then? What was the feeling on Wall Street when they bailed out the banks? How should Christians feel about advocating or being against that?

Bannon: I think one is about responsibility. For Christians, and particularly for those who believe in the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian West, I don't believe that we should have a bailout. I think the bailouts in 2008 were wrong. And I think, you look in hindsight, it was a lot of misinformation that was presented about the bailouts of the banks in the West.

And look at the [*unintelligible*] it. Middle-class taxpayers, people that are working-class people, right, people making incomes under $50,000 and $60,000, it was the burden of those taxpayers, right, that bailed out the elites. And let's think about it for a second. Here's how capitalism metastasized, is that all the burdens put on the working-class people who get none of the upside. All of the upside goes to the crony capitalists.

The bailouts were absolutely outrageous, and here's why: It bailed out a group of shareholders and executives who were specifically accountable. The shareholders were accountable for one simple reason: They allowed this to go wrong without changing management. And the management team of this. And we know this now from congressional investigations, we know it from independent investigations, this is not some secret conspiracy. This is kind of in plain sight.

In fact, one of the committees in Congress said to the Justice Department 35 executives, I believe, that they should have criminal indictments against — not one of those has ever been followed up on. Because even with the Democrats, right, in power, there's a sense between the law firms, and the accounting firms, and the investment banks, and their stooges on Capitol Hill, they looked the other way.

So you can understand why middle class people having a tough go of it making $50 or $60 thousand a year and see their taxes go up, and they see that their taxes are going to pay for government sponsored bailouts, what you've created is really a free option. You say to this investment banking, create a free option for bad behavior. In otherwise all the upside goes to the hedge funds and the investment bank, and to the crony capitalist with stock increases and bonus increases. And their downside is limited, because middle class people are going to come and bail them out with tax dollars.

And that's what I think is fueling this populist revolt. Whether that revolt is in the midlands of England, or whether it's in Middle America. And I think people are fed up with it.

And I think that's why you're seeing — when you read the media says, "tea party is losing, losing elections," that is all BS. The elections we don't win, we're forcing those crony capitalists to come and admit that they're not going to do this again. The whole narrative in Washington has been changed by this populist revolt that we call the grassroots of the tea party movement.

And it's specifically because those bailouts were completely and totally unfair. It didn't make those financial institutions any stronger, and it bailed out a bunch of people — by the way, and these are people that have all gone to Yale, and Harvard, they went to the finest institutions in the West. They should have known better.

And by the way: It's all the institutions of the accounting firms, the law firms, the investment banks, the consulting firms, the elite of the elite, the educated elite, they understood what they were getting into, forcibly took all the benefits from it and then look to the government, went hat in hand to the government to be bailed out. And they've never been held accountable today. Trust me — they are going to be held accountable. You're seeing this populist movement called the tea party in the United States.

Harnwell: Okay, I think we've got time for just one or two more questions for Stephen K. Bannon, chairman of Breitbart Media, third-largest news organization in the States. I know you're a very, very busy man, so we're very grateful for the time that you've agreed to put aside for this, to close this conference.

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Bannon: I'm never too busy to share with a group that can do as much good as you guys can.

Questioner: What do you think is the major threat today, to the Judeo-Christian Civilization? Secularism, or the Muslim world? In my humble opinion, they're just trying to defend themselves from our cultural invasion. Thank you.

[*Question restated by Harnwell*]

Bannon: It's a great question. I certainly think secularism has sapped the strength of the Judeo-Christian West to defend its ideals, right?

If you go back to your home countries and your proponent of the defense of the Judeo-Christian West and its tenets, often times, particularly when you deal with the elites, you're looked at as someone who is quite odd. So it has kind of sapped the strength.

But I strongly believe that whatever the causes of the current drive to the caliphate was — and we can debate them, and people can try to deconstruct them — we have to face a very unpleasant fact: And that unpleasant fact is that there is a major war brewing, a war that's already global. It's going global in scale, and today's technology, today's media, today's access to weapons of mass destruction, it's going to lead to a global conflict that I believe has to be confronted today. Every day that we refuse to look at this as what it is, and the scale of it, and really the viciousness of it, will be a day where you will rue that we didn't act [*unintelligible*].

> "The way that the people who ran the banks and ran the hedge funds have never really been held accountable for what they did has fueled much of the anger in the tea party movement in the United States."

Questioner: Thank you very much. I'm [*unintelligible*]. I come from Slovakia. This is actually the source of my two very quick questions. Thank you very much for the work that you do to promote the Judeo-Christian values in the world. I really appreciate it, and I also feel that the danger is very high. I have two minor questions, because you have mentioned, in terms of UKIP and Front National [*unintelligible*]. From the European perspective, listening to the language which has become more and more radical from these two parties, especially before the European Parliament elections, I'm just wondering what are your plans on how to help these partners from Europe to maybe focus on the value issues and not with populist? And also it goes in terms — you have mentioned the involvement of state in capitalism as one of the big dangers. But these two parties you've mentioned, they actually have close ties with Putin, who is the promoter of this big danger, so I'd like to know your thoughts about this and how you're going to deal with it.

Bannon: Could you summarize that for me?

Harnwell: The first question was, you'd reference the Front National and UKIP as having elements that are tinged with the racial aspect amidst their voter profile, and the questioner was asking how you intend to deal with that aspect.

Bannon: I don't believe I said UKIP in that. I was really talking about the parties on the continent, Front National and other European parties.

I'm not an expert in this, but it seems that they have had some aspects that may be anti-Semitic or racial. By the way, even in the tea party, we have a broad movement like this, and we've been criticized, and they try to make the tea party as being racist, etc., which it's not. But there's always elements who turn up at these things, whether it's militia guys or whatever. Some that are fringe organizations. My point is that over time it all gets kind of washed out, right? People understand what pulls them together, and the people on the margins I think get marginalized more and more.

I believe that you'll see this in the center-right populist movement in continental Europe. I've spent quite a bit of time with UKIP, and I can say to you that I've never seen anything at all with UKIP that even comes close to that. I think they've done a very good job of policing themselves to really make sure that people including the British National Front and others were not included in the party, and I think you've seen that also with tea party groups, where some people would show up and were kind of marginal members of the tea party, and the tea party did a great job of policing themselves early on. And I think that's why when you hear charges of racism against the tea party, it doesn't stick with the American people, because they really understand.

I think when you look at any kind of revolution — and this is a revolution — you always have some groups that are disparate. I think that will all burn away over time and you'll see more of a mainstream center-right populist movement.

“Because at the end of the day, I think that Putin and his cronies are really a kleptocracy, that are really an imperialist power that want to expand.”

Question: Obviously, before the European elections the two parties had a clear link to Putin. If one of the representatives of the dangers of capitalism is the state involvement in capitalism, so, I see there, also Marine Le Pen campaigning in Moscow with Putin, and also UKIP strongly defending Russian positions in geopolitical terms.
[*Harnwell restates, but unintelligible*]
Harnwell: These two parties have both been cultivating President Putin [*unintelligible*].
Bannon: I think it’s a little bit more complicated. When Vladimir Putin, when you really look at some of the underpinnings of some of his beliefs today, a lot of those come from what I call Eurasianism; he’s got an adviser who harkens back to Julius Evola and different writers of the early 20th century who are really the supporters of what’s called the traditionalist movement, which really eventually metastasized into Italian fascism. A lot of people that are traditionalists are attracted to that.

One of the reasons is that they believe that at least Putin is standing up for traditional institutions, and he’s trying to do it in a form of nationalism — and I think that people, particularly in certain countries, want to see the sovereignty for their country, they want to see nationalism for their country. They don’t believe in this kind of pan-European Union or they don’t believe in the centralized government in the United States. They’d rather see more of a states-based entity that the founders originally set up where freedoms were controlled at the local level.

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I'm not justifying Vladimir Putin and the kleptocracy that he represents, because he eventually is the state capitalist of kleptocracy. However, we the Judeo-Christian West really have to look at what he's talking about as far as traditionalism goes — particularly the sense of where it supports the underpinnings of nationalism — and I happen to think that the individual sovereignty of a country is a good thing and a strong thing. I think strong countries and strong nationalist movements in countries make strong neighbors, and that is really the building blocks that built Western Europe and the United States, and I think it's what can see us forward.

You know, Putin's been quite an interesting character. He's also very, very, very intelligent. I can see this in the United States where he's playing very strongly to social conservatives about his message about more traditional values, so I think it's something that we have to be very much on guard of. Because at the end of the day, I think that Putin and his cronies are really a kleptocracy, that are really an imperialist power that want to expand. However, I really believe that in this current environment, where you're facing a potential new caliphate that is very aggressive that is really a situation — I'm not saying we can put it on a back burner — but I think we have to deal with first things first.

Questioner: One of my questions has to do with how the West should be responding to radical Islam. How, specifically, should we as the West respond to Jihadism without losing our own soul? Because we can win the war and lose ourselves at the same time. How should the West respond to radical Islam and not lose itself in the process?

Bannon: From a perspective — this may be a little more militant than others. I think definitely you're going to need an aspect that is [*unintelligible*]. I believe you should take a very, very, very aggressive stance against radical Islam. And I realize there are other aspects that are not as militant and not as aggressive and that's fine.

If you look back at the long history of the Judeo-Christian West struggle against Islam, I believe that our forefathers kept their stance, and I think they did the right thing. I think they kept it out of the world, whether it was at Vienna, or Tours, or other places… It bequeathed to use the great institution that is the church of the West.

And I would ask everybody in the audience today, because you really are the movers and drivers and shakers and thought leaders in the Catholic Church today, is to think, when people 500 years from now are going to think about today, think about the actions you've taken — and I believe everyone associated with the church and associated with the Judeo-

> Christian West that believes in the underpinnings of that and believes in the precepts of that and want to see that bequeathed to other generations down the road as it was bequeathed to us, particularly as you're in a city like Rome, and in a place like the Vatican, see what's been bequeathed to us — ask yourself, 500 years from today, what are they going to say about me? What are they going to say about what I did at the beginning stages of this crisis?
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> Because it is a crisis, and it's not going away. You don't have to take my word for it. All you have to do is read the news every day, see what's coming up, see what they're putting on Twitter, what they're putting on Facebook, see what's on CNN, what's on BBC. See what's happening, and you will see we're in a war of immense proportions. It's very easy to play to our baser instincts, and we can't do that. But our forefathers didn't do it either. And they were able to stave this off, and they were able to defeat it, and they were able to bequeath to us a church and a civilization that really is the flower of mankind, so I think it's incumbent on all of us to do what I call a gut check, to really think about what our role is in this battle that's before us.

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i do not believe in a global tea party…but it is most interesting to see how those ideas will materialize and to witch exdend I ll be most interested to hear your point of wiew
On Nov 18, 2016, at 12:14 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

your view?

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 7:12 AM, Alain Forget [redacted]> wrote:

> *Donald Trump's newly named chief strategist and senior counselor, Steve Bannon, laid out his global nationalist vision in unusually in-depth remarks delivered by Skype to a conference held inside the Vatican in the summer of 2014.*
> *Well before victories for Brexit and Trump seemed possible, Bannon declared there was a "global tea party movement" and praised European far-right parties like Great Britain's UKIP and France's National Front. Bannon also suggested that a racist element in far-right parties "all gets kind of washed out," that the West was facing a "crisis of capitalism" after losing its "Judeo-Christian foundation," and he blasted "crony capitalists" in Washington for failing to prosecute bank executives over the financial crisis.*
> *The remarks — beamed into a small conference room in a 15th-century marble palace in a secluded corner of the Vatican — were part of a 50-minute Q&A during a conference focused on poverty hosted by the Human Dignity Institute, which BuzzFeed News attended as part of its coverage of the rise of Europe's religious right. The group was founded by Benjamin Harnwell, a longtime aide to Conservative member of the European Parliament Nirj Deva to promote a "Christian voice" in European politics. The group has ties to some of the most conservative factions inside the Catholic Church; Cardinal Raymond Burke, one of the most vocal critics of Pope Francis who was ousted from a senior Vatican position in 2014, is chair of the group's advisory board.*

BuzzFeed News originally posted a transcript beginning 90 seconds into the then-Breitbart News chairman's remarks because microphone placement made the opening mostly unintelligible, but we have completed the transcript from a video of the talk on YouTube. You can hear the whole recording at the bottom of the post.

Here is what he said, unedited:

Steve Bannon: Thank you very much Benjamin, and I appreciate you guys including us in this. We're speaking from Los Angeles today, right across the street from our headquarters in Los Angeles. Um. I want to talk about wealth creation and what wealth creation really can achieve and maybe take it in a slightly different direction, because I believe the world, and particularly the Judeo-Christian west, is in a crisis. And it's really the organizing principle of how we built Breitbart News to really be a platform to bring news and information to people throughout the world. Principally in the west, but we're expanding internationally to let people understand the depths of this crisis, and it is a crisis both of capitalism but really of the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian west in our beliefs.

It's ironic, I think, that we're talking today at exactly, tomorrow, 100 years ago, at the exact moment we're talking, the assassination took place in Sarajevo of Archduke Franz Ferdinand that led to the end of the Victorian era and the beginning of the bloodiest century in mankind's history. Just to put it in perspective, with the assassination that took place 100 years ago tomorrow in Sarajevo, the world was at total peace. There was trade, there was globalization, there was technological transfer, the High Church of England and the Catholic Church and the Christian faith was predominant throughout Europe of practicing Christians. Seven weeks later, I think there were 5 million men in uniform and within 30 days there were over a million casualties.

That war triggered a century of barbaric — unparalleled in mankind's history — virtually 180 to 200 million people were killed in the 20th century, and I believe that, you know, hundreds of years from now when they look back, we're children of that: We're children of that barbarity. This will be looked at almost as a new Dark Age.

But the thing that got us out of it, the organizing principle that met this, was not just the heroism of our people — whether it was French resistance fighters, whether it was the Polish resistance fighters, or it's the young men from Kansas City or the Midwest who stormed the beaches of Normandy, commandos in England that fought with the Royal Air

Force, that fought this great war, really the Judeo-Christian West versus atheists, right? The underlying principle is an enlightened form of capitalism, that capitalism really gave us the wherewithal. It kind of organized and built the materials needed to support, whether it's the Soviet Union, England, the United States, and eventually to take back continental Europe and to beat back a barbaric empire in the Far East.

That capitalism really generated tremendous wealth. And that wealth was really distributed among a middle class, a rising middle class, people who come from really working-class environments and created what we really call a Pax Americana. It was many, many years and decades of peace. And I believe we've come partly offtrack in the years since the fall of the Soviet Union and we're starting now in the 21st century, which I believe, strongly, is a crisis both of our church, a crisis of our faith, a crisis of the West, a crisis of capitalism.

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And we're at the very beginning stages of a very brutal and bloody conflict, of which if the people in this room, the people in the church, do not bind together and really form what I feel is an aspect of the church militant, to really be able to not just stand with our beliefs, but to fight for our beliefs against this new barbarity that's starting, that will completely eradicate everything that we've been bequeathed over the last 2,000, 2,500 years.

Now, what I mean by that specifically: I think that you're seeing three kinds of converging tendencies: One is a form of capitalism that is taken away from the underlying spiritual and moral foundations of Christianity and, really, Judeo-Christian belief.

I see that every day. I'm a very practical, pragmatic capitalist. I was trained at Goldman Sachs, I went to Harvard Business School, I was as hard-nosed a capitalist as you get. I specialized in media, in investing in media companies, and it's a very, very tough environment. And you've had a fairly good track record. So I don't want this to kinda sound namby-pamby, "Let's all hold hands and sing 'Kumbaya' around capitalism."

But there's a strand of capitalism today — two strands of it, that are very disturbing.

One is state-sponsored capitalism. And that's the capitalism you see in China and Russia. I believe it's what Holy Father [Pope Francis] has seen for most of his life in places like Argentina, where you have this kind of crony capitalism of people that are involved with these military powers-that-be in the government, and it forms a brutal form of capitalism that is really about creating wealth and creating value for a very small subset of people. And it doesn't spread the tremendous value creation throughout broader distribution patterns that were seen really in the 20th century.

The second form of capitalism that I feel is almost as disturbing, is what I call the Ayn Rand or the Objectivist School of libertarian capitalism. And, look, I'm a big believer in a lot of libertarianism. I have many many friends that's a very big part of the conservative movement — whether it's the UKIP movement in England, it's many of the underpinnings of the populist movement in Europe, and particularly in the United States.

However, that form of capitalism is quite different when you really look at it to what I call the "enlightened capitalism" of the Judeo-Christian West. It is a capitalism that really looks to make people commodities, and to objectify people, and to use them almost — as many of the precepts of Marx — and that is a form of capitalism, particularly to a younger generation [that] they're really finding quite attractive. And if they don't see another alternative, it's going to be an alternative that they gravitate to under this kind of rubric of "personal freedom."

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The other tendency is an immense secularization of the West. And I know we've talked about secularization for a long time, but if you look at younger people, especially millennials under 30, the overwhelming drive of popular culture is to absolutely secularize this rising iteration.

Now that call converges with something we have to face, and it's a very unpleasant topic, but we are in an outright war against jihadist Islamic fascism. And this war is, I think, metastasizing far quicker than governments can handle it.

If you look at what's happening in ISIS, which is the Islamic State of Syria and the Levant, that is now currently forming the caliphate that is having a military drive on Baghdad, if you look at the sophistication of which they've taken the tools of capitalism. If you look at what they've done with Twitter and Facebook and modern ways to fundraise, and to use crowdsourcing to fund, besides all the access to weapons, over the last couple days they have had a radical program of taking kids and trying to turn them into bombers. They have driven 50,000 Christians out of a town near the Kurdish border. We have video that we're putting up later today on Breitbart where they've took 50 hostages and thrown them off a cliff in Iraq.

That war is expanding and it's metastasizing to sub-Saharan Africa. We have Boko Haram and other groups that will eventually partner with ISIS in this global war, and it is, unfortunately, something that we're going to have to face, and we're going to have to face very quickly.

So I think the discussion of, should we put a cap on wealth creation and distribution? It's something that should be at the heart of every Christian that is a capitalist — "What is the purpose of whatever I'm doing with this wealth? What is the purpose of what I'm doing with the ability that God has given us, that divine providence has given us to actually be a creator of jobs and a creator of wealth?"

I think it really behooves all of us to really take a hard look and make sure that we are reinvesting that back into positive things. But also to make sure that we understand that we're at the very beginning stages of a global conflict, and if we do not bind together as partners with others in other countries that this conflict is only going to metastasize.

They have a Twitter account up today, ISIS does, about turning the United States into a "river of blood" if it comes in and tries to defend the city of Baghdad. And trust me, that is going to come to Europe. That is going to come to Central Europe, it's going to come to

Western Europe, it's going to come to the United Kingdom. And so I think we are in a crisis of the underpinnings of capitalism, and on top of that we're now, I believe, at the beginning stages of a global war against Islamic fascism.

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Benjamin Harnwell, Human Dignity Institute: Thank you, Steve. That was a fascinating, fascinating overview. I am particularly struck by your argument, then, that in fact, capitalism would spread around the world based on the Judeo-Christian foundation is, in fact, something that can create peace through peoples rather than antagonism, which is often a point not sufficiently appreciated. Before I turn behind me to take a question —

Bannon: One thing I want to make sure of, if you look at the leaders of capitalism at that time, when capitalism was I believe at its highest flower and spreading its benefits to most of mankind, almost all of those capitalists were strong believers in the Judeo-Christian West. They were either active participants in the Jewish faith, they were active participants in the Christians' faith, and they took their beliefs, and the underpinnings of their beliefs was manifested in the work they did. And I think that's incredibly important and something that would really become unmoored. I can see this on Wall Street today — I can see this with the securitization of everything is that, everything is looked at as a securitization opportunity. People are looked at as commodities. I don't believe that our forefathers had that same belief.

Harnwell: Over the course of this conference we've heard from various points of view regarding alleviation of poverty. We've heard from the center-left perspective, we've heard from the socialist perspective, we've heard from the Christian democrat, if you will, perspective. What particularly interests me about your point of view Steve, to talk specifically about your work, Breitbart is very close to the tea party movement. So I'm just wondering whether you could tell me about if in the current flow of contemporary politics — first tell us a little bit about Breitbart, what the mission is, and then tell me about the reach that you have and then could you say a little bit about the current dynamic of what's going on at the moment in the States.

Bannon: Outside of Fox News and the Drudge Report, we're the third-largest conservative news site and, quite frankly, we have a bigger global reach than even Fox. And that's why we're expanding so much internationally.

Look, we believe — strongly — that there is a global tea party movement. We've seen that. We were the first group to get in and start reporting on things like UKIP and Front National and other center right. With all the baggage that those groups bring — and trust me, a lot of them bring a lot of baggage, both ethnically and racially — but we think that will all be worked through with time.

The central thing that binds that all together is a center-right populist movement of really the middle class, the working men and women in the world who are just tired of being dictated to by what we call the party of Davos. A group of kind of — we're not conspiracy-theory guys, but there's certainly — and I could see this when I worked at Goldman Sachs — there are people in New York that feel closer to people in London and in Berlin than they do to people in Kansas and in Colorado, and they have more of this elite mentality that they're going to dictate to everybody how the world's going to be run.

I will tell you that the working men and women of Europe and Asia and the United States and Latin America don't believe that. They believe they know what's best for how they will comport their lives. They think they know best about how to raise their families and how to educate their families. So I think you're seeing a global reaction to centralized government, whether that government is in Beijing or that government is in Washington, DC, or that government is in Brussels. So we are the platform for the voice of that.

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Now, with that, we are strong capitalists. And we believe in the benefits of capitalism. And, particularly, the harder-nosed the capitalism, the better. However, like I said, there's two strands of capitalism that we're quite concerned about.

One is crony capitalism, or what we call state-controlled capitalism, and that's the big thing the tea party is fighting in the United States, and really the tea party's biggest fight is not with the left, because we're not there yet. The biggest fight the tea party has today is just like UKIP. UKIP's biggest fight is with the Conservative Party.

The tea party in the United States' biggest fight is with the the Republican establishment, which is really a collection of crony capitalists that feel that they have a different set of rules of how they're going to comport themselves and how they're going to run things. And, quite frankly, it's the reason that the United States' financial situation is so dire, particularly our balance sheet. We have virtually a hundred trillion dollars of unfunded liabilities. That is all because you've had this kind of crony capitalism in Washington, DC.

The rise of Breitbart is directly tied to being the voice of that center-right opposition. And, quite frankly, we're winning many, many victories.

On the social conservative side, we're the voice of the anti-abortion movement, the voice of the traditional marriage movement, and I can tell you we're winning victory after victory after victory. Things are turning around as people have a voice and have a platform of which they can use.

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Harnwell: The third-largest conservative news website is something to be extremely impressed by. Can you tell for the people here who aren't within the Anglosphere and they might not follow American domestic politics at the moment — there seems to be a substantial sea change going on at the moment in Middle America. And the leader of the majority party, Eric Cantor, was deselected a couple of weeks ago by a tea party candidate. What does that mean for the state of domestic politics in America at the moment?

Bannon: For everybody in your audience, this is one of the most monumental — first off, it's the biggest election upset in the history of the American republic. Eric Cantor was the House majority leader and raised $10 million. He spent, between himself and outside groups, $8 million to hold a congressional district. He ran against a professor who was an evangelical Christian and a libertarian economist. He ran against a professor who raised in total $175,000. In fact, the bills from Eric Cantor's campaign at a elite steak house in Washington, DC, was over $200,000. So they spent more than $200,000 over the course of the campaign wining and dining fat cats at a steak house in Washington than the entire opposition had to run.

Now, Eric Cantor, it was a landslide. He lost 57-43, and not one — outside of Breitbart, we covered this for six months, day in and day out — not one news site — not Fox News, not Politico, no sites picked this up. And the reason that this guy won is quite simple: Middle-class people and working-class people are tired of people like Eric Cantor who say they're conservative selling out their interests every day to crony capitalists.

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And you're seeing that whether that was UKIP and Nigel Farage in the United Kingdom, whether it's these groups in the Low Countries in Europe, whether it's in France, there's a new tea party in Germany. The theme is all the same. And the theme is middle-class and working-class people — they're saying, "Hey, I'm working harder than I've ever worked. I'm getting less benefits than I'm ever getting through this, I'm incurring less wealth myself, and I'm seeing a system of fat cats who say they're conservative and say they back capitalist principles, but all they're doing is binding with corporatists." Right? Corporatists, to garner all the benefits for themselves.

And that center-right revolt is really a global revolt. I think you're going to see it in Latin America, I think you're going to see it in Asia, I think you've already seen it in India. Modi's great victory was very much based on these Reaganesque principles, so I think this is a global revolt, and we are very fortunate and proud to be the news site that is reporting that throughout the world.

Harnwell: I think it's important to understand the distinction that you're drawing here between what can be understood as authentic, free-market capitalism as a means of promoting wealth that [*unintelligible*] involves everybody with a form of crony capitalism which simply benefits a certain class. And we've watched over the course of our conference, we've watched two video segments produced by the Acton Institute about how development aid is spent internationally and how that can be driven away from — it damages people on the ground but it also perpetuates a governing class. And the point that you're mentioning here, that I think that you're saying has driven almost a revolution movement in America, is the same phenomenon of what's going on in the developing world, which is a concept of government which is no longer doing what it is morally bound to do but has become corrupt and self-serving. So it's effectively the sa—

Bannon: It's exactly the same. Currently, if you read *The Economist*, you read the *Financial Times* this week, you'll see there's a relatively obscure agency in the federal government that is engaged in a huge fight that may lead to a government shutdown. It's called the Export-Import Bank. And for years, it was a bank that helped finance things that other banks wouldn't do. And what's happening over time is that it's metastasized to be a cheap form of financing to General Electric and to Boeing and to other large corporations. You get this financing from other places if they wanted to, but they're putting this onto the middle-class taxpayers to support this.

"I'm not an expert in this, but it seems that [right-wing parties] have had some aspects that may be anti-Semitic or racial … My point is that over time it all gets kind of washed out, right?"

And the tea party is using this as an example of the cronyism. General Electric and these major corporations that are in bed with the federal government are not what we'd consider free-enterprise capitalists. We're backers of entrepreneurial capitalists. They're not. They're what we call corporatist. They want to have more and more monopolistic power and they're doing that kind of convergence with big government. And so the fight here — and that's why the media's been very late to this party — but the fight you're seeing is between entrepreneur capitalism, and the Acton Institute is a tremendous supporter of, and the people like the corporatists that are closer to the people like we think in Beijing and Moscow than they are to the entrepreneurial capitalist spirit of the United States.

Harnwell: Thanks, Steve. I'm going to turn around now, as I'm sure we have some great questions from the floor. Who has the first question then?

Bannon: First of all, Benjamin, I can tell you I could hardly recognize you, you're so cleaned up you are for the conference.

[*Laughter*]

Questioner: Hello, my name is Deborah Lubov. I'm a Vatican correspondent for Zenit news agency, for their English edition. I have some experience working in New York — I was working for PricewaterhouseCoopers auditing investment banks, one of which was Goldman Sachs. And considering this conference is on poverty, I'm curious — from your point of view especially, your experience in the investment banking world — what concrete measures do you think they should be doing to combat, prevent this phenomenon? We know that various sums of money are used in all sorts of ways and they do have different initiatives, but in order to concretely counter this epidemic now, what are your thoughts?

> **"For Christians, and particularly for those who believe in the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian West, I don't believe that we should have a [financial] bailout."**

Bannon: That's a great question. The 2008 crisis, I think the financial crisis — which, by the way, I don't think we've come through — is really driven I believe by the greed, much of it driven by the greed of the investment banks. My old firm, Goldman Sachs — traditionally the best banks are leveraged 8:1. When we had the financial crisis in 2008, the investment banks were leveraged 35:1. Those rules had specifically been changed by a guy named Hank Paulson. He was secretary of Treasury. As chairman of Goldman Sachs, he had gone to Washington years before and asked for those changes. That made the banks not really investment banks, but made them hedge funds — and highly susceptible to changes in liquidity. And so the crisis of 2008 was, quite frankly, really never recovered from in the United States. It's one of the reasons last quarter you saw 2.9% negative growth in a quarter. So the United States economy is in very, very tough shape.

And one of the reasons is that we've never really gone and dug down and sorted through the problems of 2008. Particularly the fact — think about it — not one criminal charge has ever been brought to any bank executive associated with 2008 crisis. And in fact, it gets worse. No bonuses and none of their equity was taken. So part of the prime drivers of the wealth that they took in the 15 years leading up to the crisis was not hit at all, and I think that's one of the fuels of this populist revolt that we're seeing as the tea party. So I think there are many, many measures, particularly about getting the banks on better footing, making them address all the liquid assets they have. I think you need a real clean-up of the banks balance sheets.

In addition, I think you really need to go back and make banks do what they do: Commercial banks lend money, and investment banks invest in entrepreneurs and to get away from this trading — you know, the hedge fund securitization, which they've all become basically trading operations and securitizations and not put capital back and really grow businesses and to grow the economy. So I think it's a whole area that just — and I will tell you, the underpinning of this populist revolt is the financial crisis of 2008. That revolt, the way that it was dealt with, the way that the people who ran the banks and ran the hedge funds have never really been held accountable for what they did, has fueled much of the anger in the tea party movement in the United States.

Questioner: Thank you.

Bannon: Great question.

Questioner: Hello, Mr. Bannon. I'm Mario Fantini, a Vermonter living in Vienna, Austria. You began describing some of the trends you're seeing worldwide, very dangerous trends, worry trends. Another movement that I've been seeing grow and spread in Europe, unfortunately, is what can only be described as tribalist or neo-nativist movement — they call themselves Identitarians. These are mostly young, working-class, populist groups, and they're teaching self-defense classes, but also they are arguing against — and quite effectively, I might add — against capitalism and global financial institutions, etc. How do we counteract this stuff? Because they're appealing to a lot of young people at a very visceral level, especially with the ethnic and racial stuff.

Bannon: I didn't hear the whole question, about the tribalist?

"One of the committees in Congress said to the Justice Department, 35 [bank] executives, I believe, that they should have criminal indictments against — not one of those has ever been followed up on."

Questioner: Very simply put, there's a growing movement among young people here in Europe, in France and in Austria and elsewhere, and they're arguing very effectively against Wall Street institutions and they're also appealing to people on an ethnic and racial level. And I was just wondering what you would recommend to counteract these movements, which are growing.

Bannon: One of the reasons that you can understand how they're being fueled is that they're not seeing the benefits of capitalism. I mean particularly — and I think it's particularly more advanced in Europe than it is in the United States, but in the United States it's getting pretty advanced — is that when you have this kind of crony capitalism, you have a different set of rules for the people that make the rules. It's this partnership of big government and corporatists. I think it starts to fuel, particularly as you start to see negative job creation. If you go back, in fact, and look at the United States' GDP, you look at a bunch of Europe. If you take out government spending, you know, we've had negative growth on a real basis for over a decade.

And that all trickles down to the man in the street. If you look at people's lives, and particularly millennials, look at people under 30 — people under 30, there's 50% really under employment of people in the United States, which is probably the most advanced economy in the West, and it gets worse in Europe.

I think in Spain it's something like 50 or 60% of the youth under 30 are underemployed. And that means the decade of their twenties, which is where you have to learn a skill, where you have to learn a craft, where you really start to get comfortable in your profession, you're taking that away from the entire generation. That's only going to fuel tribalism, that's only going to fuel [*unintelligible*]... That's why to me, it's incumbent upon freedom-loving people to make sure that we sort out these governments and make sure that we sort out particularly this crony capitalism so that the benefits become more of this entrepreneurial spirit and that can flow back to working-class and middle-class people. Because if not, we're going to pay a huge price for this. You can already start to see it.

Questioner: I have a question, because you worked on Wall Street. What is the opinion there on whether they think bank bailouts are justified? Is there a Christian-centered [*unintelligible*] that they think should be bailed out? The crisis starts earlier than 2008. What was the precedent then? What was the feeling on Wall Street when they bailed out the banks? How should Christians feel about advocating or being against that?

Bannon: I think one is about responsibility. For Christians, and particularly for those who believe in the underpinnings of the Judeo-Christian West, I don't believe that we should have a bailout. I think the bailouts in 2008 were wrong. And I think, you look in hindsight, it was a lot of misinformation that was presented about the bailouts of the banks in the West.

And look at the [*unintelligible*] it. Middle-class taxpayers, people that are working-class people, right, people making incomes under $50,000 and $60,000, it was the burden of those taxpayers, right, that bailed out the elites. And let's think about it for a second. Here's how capitalism metastasized, is that all the burdens put on the working-class people who get none of the upside. All of the upside goes to the crony capitalists.

The bailouts were absolutely outrageous, and here's why: It bailed out a group of shareholders and executives who were specifically accountable. The shareholders were accountable for one simple reason: They allowed this to go wrong without changing management. And the management team of this. And we know this now from congressional investigations, we know it from independent investigations, this is not some secret conspiracy. This is kind of in plain sight.

In fact, one of the committees in Congress said to the Justice Department 35 executives, I believe, that they should have criminal indictments against — not one of those has ever been followed up on. Because even with the Democrats, right, in power, there's a sense between the law firms, and the accounting firms, and the investment banks, and their stooges on Capitol Hill, they looked the other way.

So you can understand why middle class people having a tough go of it making $50 or $60 thousand a year and see their taxes go up, and they see that their taxes are going to pay for government sponsored bailouts, what you've created is really a free option. You say to this investment banking, create a free option for bad behavior. In otherwise all the upside goes to the hedge funds and the investment bank, and to the crony capitalist with stock increases and bonus increases. And their downside is limited, because middle class people are going to come and bail them out with tax dollars.

And that's what I think is fueling this populist revolt. Whether that revolt is in the midlands of England, or whether it's in Middle America. And I think people are fed up with it.

And I think that's why you're seeing — when you read the media says, "tea party is losing, losing elections," that is all BS. The elections we don't win, we're forcing those crony capitalists to come and admit that they're not going to do this again. The whole narrative in Washington has been changed by this populist revolt that we call the grassroots of the tea party movement.

And it's specifically because those bailouts were completely and totally unfair. It didn't make those financial institutions any stronger, and it bailed out a bunch of people — by the way, and these are people that have all gone to Yale, and Harvard, they went to the finest institutions in the West. They should have known better.

And by the way: It's all the institutions of the accounting firms, the law firms, the investment banks, the consulting firms, the elite of the elite, the educated elite, they understood what they were getting into, forcibly took all the benefits from it and then look to the government, went hat in hand to the government to be bailed out. And they've never been held accountable today. Trust me — they are going to be held accountable. You're seeing this populist movement called the tea party in the United States.

Harnwell: Okay, I think we've got time for just one or two more questions for Stephen K. Bannon, chairman of Breitbart Media, third-largest news organization in the States. I know you're a very, very busy man, so we're very grateful for the time that you've agreed to put aside for this, to close this conference.

"I certainly think secularism has sapped the strength of the Judeo-Christian West to defend its ideals, right?"

Bannon: I'm never too busy to share with a group that can do as much good as you guys can.

Questioner: What do you think is the major threat today, to the Judeo-Christian Civilization? Secularism, or the Muslim world? In my humble opinion, they're just trying to defend themselves from our cultural invasion. Thank you.

[*Question restated by Harnwell*]

Bannon: It's a great question. I certainly think secularism has sapped the strength of the Judeo-Christian West to defend its ideals, right?

If you go back to your home countries and your proponent of the defense of the Judeo-Christian West and its tenets, often times, particularly when you deal with the elites, you're looked at as someone who is quite odd. So it has kind of sapped the strength.

But I strongly believe that whatever the causes of the current drive to the caliphate was — and we can debate them, and people can try to deconstruct them — we have to face a very unpleasant fact: And that unpleasant fact is that there is a major war brewing, a war that's already global. It's going global in scale, and today's technology, today's media, today's access to weapons of mass destruction, it's going to lead to a global conflict that I believe has to be confronted today. Every day that we refuse to look at this as what it is, and the scale of it, and really the viciousness of it, will be a day where you will rue that we didn't act [*unintelligible*].

> "The way that the people who ran the banks and ran the hedge funds have never really been held accountable for what they did has fueled much of the anger in the tea party movement in the United States."

Questioner: Thank you very much. I'm [*unintelligible*]. I come from Slovakia. This is actually the source of my two very quick questions. Thank you very much for the work that you do to promote the Judeo-Christian values in the world. I really appreciate it, and I also feel that the danger is very high. I have two minor questions, because you have mentioned, in terms of UKIP and Front National [*unintelligible*]. From the European perspective, listening to the language which has become more and more radical from these two parties, especially before the European Parliament elections, I'm just wondering what are your plans on how to help these partners from Europe to maybe focus on the value issues and not with populist? And also it goes in terms — you have mentioned the involvement of state in capitalism as one of the big dangers. But these two parties you've mentioned, they actually have close ties with Putin, who is the promoter of this big danger, so I'd like to know your thoughts about this and how you're going to deal with it.

Bannon: Could you summarize that for me?

Harnwell: The first question was, you'd reference the Front National and UKIP as having elements that are tinged with the racial aspect amidst their voter profile, and the questioner was asking how you intend to deal with that aspect.

Bannon: I don't believe I said UKIP in that. I was really talking about the parties on the continent, Front National and other European parties.

I'm not an expert in this, but it seems that they have had some aspects that may be anti-Semitic or racial. By the way, even in the tea party, we have a broad movement like this, and we've been criticized, and they try to make the tea party as being racist, etc., which it's not. But there's always elements who turn up at these things, whether it's militia guys or whatever. Some that are fringe organizations. My point is that over time it all gets kind of washed out, right? People understand what pulls them together, and the people on the margins I think get marginalized more and more.

I believe that you'll see this in the center-right populist movement in continental Europe. I've spent quite a bit of time with UKIP, and I can say to you that I've never seen anything at all with UKIP that even comes close to that. I think they've done a very good job of policing themselves to really make sure that people including the British National Front and others were not included in the party, and I think you've seen that also with tea party groups, where some people would show up and were kind of marginal members of the tea party, and the tea party did a great job of policing themselves early on. And I think that's why when you hear charges of racism against the tea party, it doesn't stick with the American people, because they really understand.

I think when you look at any kind of revolution — and this is a revolution — you always have some groups that are disparate. I think that will all burn away over time and you'll see more of a mainstream center-right populist movement.

“Because at the end of the day, I think that Putin and his cronies are really a kleptocracy, that are really an imperialist power that want to expand.”

Question: Obviously, before the European elections the two parties had a clear link to Putin. If one of the representatives of the dangers of capitalism is the state involvement in capitalism, so, I see there, also Marine Le Pen campaigning in Moscow with Putin, and also UKIP strongly defending Russian positions in geopolitical terms.
[*Harnwell restates, but unintelligible*]
Harnwell: These two parties have both been cultivating President Putin [*unintelligible*].
Bannon: I think it’s a little bit more complicated. When Vladimir Putin, when you really look at some of the underpinnings of some of his beliefs today, a lot of those come from what I call Eurasianism; he’s got an adviser who harkens back to Julius Evola and different writers of the early 20th century who are really the supporters of what’s called the traditionalist movement, which really eventually metastasized into Italian fascism. A lot of people that are traditionalists are attracted to that.
One of the reasons is that they believe that at least Putin is standing up for traditional institutions, and he’s trying to do it in a form of nationalism — and I think that people, particularly in certain countries, want to see the sovereignty for their country, they want to see nationalism for their country. They don’t believe in this kind of pan-European Union or they don’t believe in the centralized government in the United States. They’d rather see more of a states-based entity that the founders originally set up where freedoms were controlled at the local level.

“You’re seeing a global reaction to centralized government, whether that government is in Beijing or that government is in Washington, DC, or that government is in Brussels. So we are the platform for the voice of that.”

I’m not justifying Vladimir Putin and the kleptocracy that he represents, because he eventually is the state capitalist of kleptocracy. However, we the Judeo-Christian West really have to look at what he’s talking about as far as traditionalism goes — particularly the sense of where it supports the underpinnings of nationalism — and I happen to think that the individual sovereignty of a country is a good thing and a strong thing. I think strong countries and strong nationalist movements in countries make strong neighbors, and that is really the building blocks that built Western Europe and the United States, and I think it’s what can see us forward.

You know, Putin’s been quite an interesting character. He’s also very, very, very intelligent. I can see this in the United States where he’s playing very strongly to social conservatives about his message about more traditional values, so I think it’s something that we have to be very much on guard of. Because at the end of the day, I think that Putin and his cronies are really a kleptocracy, that are really an imperialist power that want to expand. However, I really believe that in this current environment, where you’re facing a potential new caliphate that is very aggressive that is really a situation — I’m not saying we can put it on a back burner — but I think we have to deal with first things first.

Questioner: One of my questions has to do with how the West should be responding to radical Islam. How, specifically, should we as the West respond to Jihadism without losing our own soul? Because we can win the war and lose ourselves at the same time. How should the West respond to radical Islam and not lose itself in the process?

Bannon: From a perspective — this may be a little more militant than others. I think definitely you’re going to need an aspect that is [*unintelligible*]. I believe you should take a very, very, very aggressive stance against radical Islam. And I realize there are other aspects that are not as militant and not as aggressive and that’s fine.

If you look back at the long history of the Judeo-Christian West struggle against Islam, I believe that our forefathers kept their stance, and I think they did the right thing. I think they kept it out of the world, whether it was at Vienna, or Tours, or other places… It bequeathed to use the great institution that is the church of the West.

And I would ask everybody in the audience today, because you really are the movers and drivers and shakers and thought leaders in the Catholic Church today, is to think, when people 500 years from now are going to think about today, think about the actions you’ve taken — and I believe everyone associated with the church and associated with the Judeo-

> Christian West that believes in the underpinnings of that and believes in the precepts of that and want to see that bequeathed to other generations down the road as it was bequeathed to us, particularly as you're in a city like Rome, and in a place like the Vatican, see what's been bequeathed to us — ask yourself, 500 years from today, what are they going to say about me? What are they going to say about what I did at the beginning stages of this crisis?
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> Because it is a crisis, and it's not going away. You don't have to take my word for it. All you have to do is read the news every day, see what's coming up, see what they're putting on Twitter, what they're putting on Facebook, see what's on CNN, what's on BBC. See what's happening, and you will see we're in a war of immense proportions. It's very easy to play to our baser instincts, and we can't do that. But our forefathers didn't do it either. And they were able to stave this off, and they were able to defeat it, and they were able to bequeath to us a church and a civilization that really is the flower of mankind, so I think it's incumbent on all of us to do what I call a gut check, to really think about what our role is in this battle that's before us.

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From: Joi Ito[redacted]
Sent: 12/12/2016 6:26:29 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Fwd: From Politico Magazine

Any ideas?

Begin forwarded message:

From: Margaret Slattery <[redacted]>
Subject: **From Politico Magazine**
Date: November 28, 2016 at 3:04:51 PM CST
To: '[redacted]' <[redacted]u>

Dear Joi,

Hello, I'm writing from Politico Magazine, where we're working on a special package of stories timed to Donald Trump's inauguration in January, and I wondered if you would be interested in contributing.

As he prepares to take office, our plan is to publish a handful of out-of-the box ideas for President Trump, suggested by writers and thinkers from a variety of fields and ideological positions. Whether the idea has to do with politics, policy, personnel or governing style, we're looking for suggestions that are specific and, above all, surprising; something inventive if slightly far-fetched is better than a pet cause or a well-trod policy proposal. (This exercise doesn't require that you support or even agree with Trump, but it does require a willingness to engage.)

Do you have an idea along these lines that you wish the new president would consider, whether something in economics or otherwise? If so, I'd love to hear, and we can discuss next steps from there. Ultimately, we're aiming to publish a handful of short pieces (about 800 words each) as a package of proposals.

Many thanks, and please let me know if you have questions.

Margy Slattery

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Deputy Editor, Politico Magazine
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From: David Grosof [[redacted]
on behalf of David Grosof[redacted]]
Sent: 1/20/2017 6:28:10 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Your Special Day

Importance: High

At 10:13 PM 01/19/17, you wrote:

all good.Â Â thx.Â Â areas of interest,Â Â Â Â distribuitionsÂ in nature. .Â Â Â Â 2 deception.Â 3.Â sleep . 4.Â power. 5 money.Â 6 music and the brain. 7 , signal intellignece in the biologocal systems

Excellent alignment with some of my interests or those of people I like and think are smart!
The rest of the truncated message has been sent.

1. What's been stimulating as a source of good questions for the "distributions in nature" issue?
7. "Signal intelligence in biol. systems" seems to cover all of neurophysiology: Jonathan Victor, whom you met a few years ago in your office, is powerfully thoughtful on the issues of neural coding. Are there specific examples that have stimulated you to better questions or turned your thinking around?

6. Are you aware of apps that purport to play music to enhance productivity and focus on tasks at hand? My buddy Reese Jones has backed that; he has a fascinating set of beliefs and projects around what may soon be understood as "consciousness hacking." He's on the board of Singularity University as one of the founders. (His father was a pioneer UCSF MD researcher of hallucinogens, I believe!)

More to come in a day or so.
Thanks!
You're up late or you're not so east of my SF location!
David

PS How to trade the Trump-GOP demolition of the welfare state, erratic elevation of risks of trade disruptions and war? Has anyone from the rational center or left given thought to how to respond to a national emergency to cope with a kakistocratic seizure of emergency powers? The Patriot Act was on a 'shelf' as you know, ready to be used. What should the better folks in this country have at hand if, say, a port is subject to a radiological attack of unknown origin?

On Fri, Jan 20, 2017 at 1:07 AM, David Grosof <grosof@sloan.mit.edu> wrote:
Dear Jeffrey,
Â Congratulations on another spin around the sun.
Â I would like to offer you a birthday present: my best efforts for a few hours on something where I might be able to contribute either to making something good happen for you or help you prevent the bad.
We haven't talked much at all for quite some time, so I'm not sure of the nature of your current interests but here are some of mine, where I feel I either have some special capability or can get access to those who have such.
* open science -- open access publishing, data publishing, and open culture institutions considered as a network with largely consistent and mutually reinforcing values: Public Library of Science (PLoS), Wikipedia, Internet

Archive, Electronic Frontier Foundation, and Creative Commons, along with allied US, UK, European governmental and NGO funding sources and other institutions.
* early-stage life science-based ventures, especially those with one or more of these technologies: optics, wearable-sensors, brain-computer interface, behavioral engineering that goes beyond robo-noodging. I am not up to speed on synthetic bio and CRISPR, but I have a good friend who is.
* cybersecurity for you and your life. I have carefully monitored the web for articles about you and I have reason to think that those will persist indefinitely. I would be remiss as your friend if I did not encourage you to be as diligent and smart as possible in using tools like Signal, two-factor/multi-factor authentication, taking webmail archives off the web onto your own secure privately maintained archive or deleted (unlike Podesta), and other measures.
* publicity for your cool-ass creative and important philanthropy in support of really good and adventuresome, high-risk basic science research. Most obvious benefit: it would be nice to know you hung out with the bright

David Grosof
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David Grosof
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From: Jeremy Rubin [redacted]
Sent: 2/1/2017 5:18:08 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Greetings from Japan

Importance: High

Hey Jeffrey,

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Best,

Jeremy

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@JeremyRubin

From: ji@media.mit.edu [redacted]
Sent: 2/3/2017 3:16:15 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Fwd:

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Can't seem to open the attachment...

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2017, at 20:24, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Robert Trivers** <[redacted]>
Date: Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 6:45 PM
Subject:
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>

Dear Jeffrey

Two questions.

1—do you believe the stock market will continue to climb given what we have now seen of Trump-land? [Strictly confidential]

2—what do you think of the attached (N=1)? You do not drink or smoke, probably do not inject etc. you swim or exercise every day, so your heartbeat is expected to be low and less variable than average. Is your ability to predict heart rate accurately—without holding your neck or wrist—positively related to your ability to succeed in the financial world—as the attached strongly suggests. Just give me and N=1.

Remember you asked me, what does self-knowledge have to do with anything—and here is a most intriguing example.

I will send you a joke shortly

All best

bob

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From: Jeremy Rubin [redacted]
Sent: 2/4/2017 4:18:58 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Greetings from Japan

Importance: High

Are you around here?

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@JeremyRubin

On Wed, Feb 1, 2017 at 7:56 PM, Jeremy Rubin <[redacted]> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Greetings from Japan

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At digital garage

On Sat, Feb 4, 2017 at 8:00 PM jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Joi Ito [redacted]
Sent: 6/1/2017 12:12:02 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

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> On Jun 1, 2017, at 6:00 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> when i told reid that obama just wanted to make money,   he thought i was being cynical,   as he was sure that doing good was going to be the goal
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(Tip: Use NRR to mean No Reply Required - thank you!)

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From: Nowak, Martin A. [redacted]
Sent: 7/25/2017 12:57:37 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

i will talk to here this morning
her Skype contact is in moscow.
is this correct?

On Jul 25, 2017, at 6:47 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

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From: Masha Drokova <[redacted]>
Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 5:53 AM
Subject: Re:
To: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>

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had a great conversation with Martin. He loves you. I'm also glad that what he said about you pretty much matches what I thought of you :-)

Working on finding/choosing right reporters for the story. Will keep you posted

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Sent: 10/11/2017 3:04:05 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
CC: lhsoffice [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Trending Now: Friends for three decades, Trump whisperer says he is ‘stunned’ by president’s rhetoric

Importance: High

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Sent from my iPad

Please direct all scheduling inquiries to my office at: [redacted]

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To: "Summers, Lawrence H." < [redacted]

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Flying back.

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From: Joi Ito [redacted]
Sent: 11/22/2017 6:14:38 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

Lots of stuff going on that week but I'm in town.

#metoo is quite amazing...

Madars is doing well. His PhD paper won an award and he found a vulnerability in ING's new crypto currency.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 22, 2017, at 10:57, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

maybe week of 3rd not seeing anything that exciting or new ? you? with all these guys getting busted for harassment , i have moved slightly up on the repuation ladder and have been asked everday for advice etc. this morning I have Ken Starr coming to point out how if clinton cigar lewinsky were to be outed today the world would be a different place

On Wed, Nov 22, 2017 at 10:51 AM, Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:

> Pretty good. Had a pinched nerve in my neck that screwed me up for awhile. How about you? Any plans to come to Boston?
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> all good?
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Sent: 12/8/2017 11:13:41 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

like always .. it was pleasure and fun to visit you. thnx for the nice gift🙏

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2017, at 11:38 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

no come now !!!

On Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 9:37 PM, <[redacted]> wrote:

> i m at the door but i will wait for my time.. i dont want to come early to find trump in your house😂😂
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Dec 8, 2017, at 9:55 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Yes
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> On Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 2:10 PM <[redacted]> wrote:
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>> sorry that is [redacted] for the gate👆
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>> On Dec 6, 2017, at 5:44 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> 10pm should I bring special cake from New York
>>
>> On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 9:37 AM <[redacted]> wrote:
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>>> very well .. just send me the address again and the code to the door so i can get to the second floor? and send me the day and time.
>>> thnx
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>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>> On Dec 6, 2017, at 5:17 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>> You are welcome at my house always . And more private
>>>
>>> On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 9:12 AM jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>>>> Of courses
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>>>> On Wed, Dec 6, 2017 at 9:08 AM <[redacted]> wrote:
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>>>>> ???
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>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 5, 2017, at 2:34 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

at the moment i was flying to paris on the 8th. . I can leave eariler and get to paris by 830 . if you like to meet there. geneve difficult to fly out of at night . or lunch sat in paris. ,

On Tue, Dec 5, 2017 at 5:03 AM, <[redacted]> wrote:

> can we have dinner in geneva on the 8th? i will be there on 7 and 8 dec and going back to kuwait on the 9th
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Agree! 'Get It Right' is singular priority - we think alike. This is the Role and Importance of pre-production. Funds adequate.

Clarity critical, as is charisma. However, given intimacy of TV interviews, it's not always apparent upfront who communicates well. Usually by not always. Sometimes someone who is a great lecturer to 500 students falls flat or off puts as arrogant. Sometimes a mousey introvert with intense eye and facial expressions sparkles and radiates. There is no substitute, however, for clarity.

Looking forward to discussion.

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From: Robert Kuhn [redacted]
Sent: 1/1/2018 10:36:46 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Fwd: Kuhn - Breakthroughs (and Trump)

Importance: High

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Kuhn <[redacted]>
Subject: **Kuhn - Breakthroughs (and Trump)**
Date: December 29, 2017 at 3:21:43 PM EST
To: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>

Terrific; looking forward.

Excited to go through math candidates on the list, others too.

Equally important, discuss edits/modifications to the 13 episodes (cutting blahs), expanding math episodes - see below. Assuming we expand math episodes, we will need more mathematicians.

How's late afternoon after 5:30 pm / early evening today? - or weekend, day/times? (Family issues today - mother 102 in May.)

RADICAL BREAKTHROUGHS - Initial Revisions (working model for discussion, red is new)

Expand and Modify Mathematical Breakthrough episodes

1. **Mathematics and Truth / Overview / Show Excitement/Importance**

2. **Mathematical Fields / Diverse New Kinds and Categories**

3. **How Math Works in Disparate Areas of Knowledge (from fundamental physics to chemistry, biology [molecular and evolutionary[, psychology, sociology, economics, etc.)**

4. **Power Laws**

5. **Mathematical Biology**

6. **Foundations of Mathematics / Philosophy/Meaning of Math (discovered/invented?)**

ADD/Exchange to Biological Breakthrough episodes

9/10. Replicability Crisis - Problems in Statistics in Search for Truth. Deep problems of replicability in biomedical and psychological research - the scandal in recent years.

In the non-Closer To Truth world….

Did CNN Intl this morning on Trump's China-oil-N.Korea-cheating tweet "Caught RED HANDED..."
[pun deliberate?]

My favorite fun lines (there are so many) in Trump's NYTimes spontaneous interview.

2) "I like very much President Xi. He treated me better than anybody's ever been treated in the history of China."

Ever (~5,000 year history)

1) *"I know the details of taxes better than anybody — better than the greatest CPA."*

Not, mind you, CPAs in general, not even smart Jewish CPAs who work all the time - but whoever, out of 664,532 actively licensed CPAs (2016), is the **greatest** CPA of them all (#1 in citing code? creative deductions?) - **better than him!**

On Dec 29, 2017, at 6:19 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

lets talk today. I went through the candidates in math. . we should talk , I have great hopes for this and am sure you woudl want to get it right though some of the math people write well , their speakinn style and presence is less than A , and probaby closer to a C +/ . Im around today or hte weekend if you would like to chat.

On Fri, Dec 29, 2017 at 1:45 AM, Robert Kuhn <[redacted]> wrote:
'Blahblahs' forbidden in 'Radical Breakthroughs'. So we need two replacements (for Multiverse as Science and Rare Sentience).

Initial ideas:

* Expand the first episode "Mathematics and Truth" into two or likely three episodes. I'm intrigued by this because there is so much rich material - pure math, philosophy (discovered or invented), physics (Wigner's 'unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics in the natural sciences)', astrophysics, cosmology, biology, general systems theory. I've felt frustrated in this first episode because there is so much material. I think three episodes could work - if you agree, I'll get back to you with a suggested structure of the 2 or likely 3 parts. Also, Closer To Truth has had only a few videos and one episode on mathematics per se (out of 277 episodes!), so this would be original and complementary. In this may, math would become about half the series.

* Integrated Information Theory - quantifying and explaining consciousness (Giulio Tononi, Un of Wisconsin-Madison), plus supporters and critics. New controversial, science-based radical theory.

* Evolutionary Dynamics - your program at Harvard - mathematical models. This is not an area of my expertise, but it could well fit Closer To Truth in general and Radical Breakthroughs in particular. But you need to tell me if you would like to include this.

* Replicability Crisis - Problems in Statistics in Search for Truth. Deep problems of replicability in biomedical and especially psychological research - the scandal in recent years. See links and attachments.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Replication_crisis

https://www.nature.com/news/over-half-of-psychology-studies-fail-reproducibility-test-1.18248

http://science.sciencemag.org/content/349/6251/aac4716

“Replicability vs. Reproducibility” - http://www.replicability.tau.ac.il/index.php/replicability-in-science/replicability-vs-reproducibility.html

Five Ways to Fix Statistics - Nature [attached].

* Other possibile areas you suggest

We would like to set a mutually agreed schedule so we can confirm and reserve the Closer To Truth ‘season’ of 13 episodes for 'Radical Breakthroughs’, which we need to plan well in advance - especially as we begin 2018.

See you Jan. 5 - Looking forward to brainstorming.

Robert

On Dec 28, 2017, at 7:40 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

great work , but needs some editing, did not like multi verse and sensience. seems more blahblah

On Mon, Dec 11, 2017 at 12:50 AM, Robert Lawrence Kuhn <[redacted]> wrote:
Hi: When are you back in NY?

Attached is the complete Preproduction Book for Radical Breakthroughs - now including Misha Gromov!

Love your feedback, suggestions.

Also attached is the budget and timing of funding, as presented originally, now updated for the completion of preproduction (phase I). We are ready to go into production (phase II). See Budget, p. 4. Committed and excited.

When to meet?

Robert

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From: Robert Trivers[redacted]
Sent: 3/19/2018 3:19:49 AM
To: Haig, David [[redacted] Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Attachments: TRIVERS on PETER.docx

Importance: High

dear men

i am writing you both because i am attaching a still not-quite-complete response to Peter Richerson, a gene-culture co-evolutionist—without the genes

i do so because four lines down i tell the "Gruterites"—Gordon Getty's echo chamber—that i have added you two to the list

so here is your chance to say "no way" and i will delete that from the message and likewise not ask Gruter's assistant to add your names to the list

having said that, i find Gordon's missives much less burdensome than those from EDGE and certainly without the egomaniacal nonsense that infects John Brockman—the key is to get the brightest minds in a room and have them tell each other what they think is most important—or some such nonsense

neither David nor i can think of a single scientific advance achieved that way—most of what we do is simply concentrated sustained thought directed toward the foundations of a problem

i doubt Jeffrey has made a huge amount of money via the EDGE program

unless you say otherwise, i will shortly send you the key Getty missives in which he asserts, i believe correctly, that Trump is an archetypal narcissistic psychopath—or whatever the precise term is—and that he must be opposed with full force on that basis

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meanwhile, David has heard plenty about you Jeffrey, a financial/mathematical mind of exceptional quality and you should know that David is one of the very top evolutionary geneticists still breathing and my teacher on every detail large and small

in haste and all best

bob

FORGIVE ME FOR CONTINUING WITH PETER'S RESPONSE TO MY RESPONSE TO GORDON'S TWO POSTS.

I HAVE LEARNED DIRECTLY FROM PETER BUT MORE OFTEN INDIRECTLY—HE HAS FORCED ME TO THINK THROUGH MATTERS AND **IDENTIFY EXACTLY WHERE HE IS WRONG**.

I AM FINISHED WITH THAT NOW. LIFE IS SHORT AND MINE IS GETTING SHORTER BY THE DAY, SO I WILL REPEAT MY PIECE AND PETER'S RESPONSE TO IT (IN YELLOW) **AND THEN MY CURRENT RESPONSE—IN CAPITAL LETTERS.**

I AM ALSO ADDING TWO NAMES TO GORDON'S LIST. DAVID HAIG WHO IS A BRILLIANT EVOLUTIONARY GENETICIST AT HARVARD AND JEFFREY EPSTEIN WHO IS A BRILLIANT FUND AND INVESTMENT MANAGER (PALM BEACH, NYC, US VIRGIN ISLANDS) WITH BROAD SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS.

Dear Gruterites

Gordon has now brought the argument full circle and given the project a larger meaning. The most powerful nation on earth, with the greatest power to vent harm—or, in theory, confer benefits—is ruled by an organism that fits the definition of a psychopath—of the narcissistic kind—or a malevolent narcissist. This presents serious dangers that need to be addressed.

Peter Richerson has made several valuable points:

1—Causality could go entirely in the other direction than the one I suggested—people avoid more psychopathic relatives the more experience they have had due to closer relatedness. And the paper I attached does not allow discrimination. The fact that psychopaths show only a weak and insignificant tendency to migrate further from place of birth is mildly interesting but has nothing to do with who is causing any difference in migration.

As far as I can think it through, selection pressures on psychopaths and relatives of psychopaths should be roughly equal and therefore equally likely. Peter is biased toward reaction by others, perhaps because of his bias toward "cultural" explanations. First, psychopaths always have the first move in the co-evolutionary struggle and relatives getting out of the way is the next move. Secondly, it is very easy for a psychopath to simply discriminate against harming his relatives but harder for them to study and react. Peter claims that they are often spotted early in life which I heartily doubt.

<<On why cultural explanations are important: It is, at root, a simple, fundamental Darwinian point. Evolution works on heritable variation. Human culture is much more variable than human genes, so the scope for cultural evolution is much greater than for genetic evolution. A simple example is the cultural adaptive radiation of humans in the Holocene. We recently spoke about 7,000 languages, most of them associated with more or less distinctive social and subsistence systems. A few languages—Spanish, English, Chinese—are spoken in societies with a great deal of internal social and economic diversity. Culturally we are sort of like thousands of species, but genetically we are only 1. To understand this adaptive radiation without understanding cultural evolution is impossible Boyd and I and our colleagues argue. On the longer time scale the whole human adaptation is all about exploiting cultural evolution to adapt to spatial and temporal variation. See Boyd's and my Not By Genes Alone: How Culture Transformed Human Evolution (Chicago, 2005) for the argument in full. Putting scare quotes around culture is simply whistling past the graveyard. If you are a Darwinian you ought to follow the variation, no?

WELL, IS CULTURAL ARGUMENTATION SUFFICIENT WITHOUT GENETIC LOGIC? FOR EXAMPLE, WE KNOW THAT LANGUAGE AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY PER UNIT AREA IS POSITIVELY ASSOCIATED WITH INTENSITY OF PARASITE SELECTION. THE STRONGER SUCH SELECTION, THE MORE YOU ARE SELECTED TO AVOID STRANGERS WHO MAY BE CARRYING PARASITES TO WHICH THEY ARE ADAPTED BUT NOT YOURSELF.

IN GENERAL PETER—AS WITH HIS ILK—SEEMS OBLIVIOUS TO THE POWERFUL EFFECTS OF C0-EVOLVING PARASITES ON HUMAN SOCIAL EVOLUITON IN THE PAST 40,000 YEARS. FOR EXAMPLE, PHONEME DIVERSITY HAS BEEN SHOWN TO OBEY THE SAME RULE AS GENETIC DIVERSITY—AS "WE" MOVED OUT OF ARICA IN THE LATEST WAVE ABOUT 100,000 YEARS AGO—SERIAL FOUNDER EFFECTS REDUCED GENETIC DIVERSITY AND ALSO PHONEMIC DIVERSITY STEADILY FROM THE COMPLEX CLICK-SOUNDS OF THE !KUNG BUSHMEN TO SOUTH AMERICAN LANGUAGES. A VERY RECENT PAPER SHOWS THE MATTER IS MORE COMPLEX IN AN INTERESTING WAY.

"It is, at root, a simple, fundamental Darwinian point. Evolution works on heritable variation. Human culture is much more variable than human genes, so the scope for cultural evolution is much greater than for genetic evolution."

THIS IS PURE BULLSHIT

THERE IS NO UNIT OF HERITABLE CULTURAL VARIATION. THIS IS JUST A METAPHOR. CAN YOU NAME A UNIT THAT REMAINS CONSTANT OVER AN INDIVIDUAL'S LIFETIME AND THEN IS INHERITED UNCHANGED, ABSENT

RECOMBINGATION? OF COURSE NOT. BUT THAT WOULD A TRULY **DARWINIAN** SYSTEM…

INCIDENTALLY CANCER DOES EVOLVE IN US BUT IT IS A ONE-GENERATION WONDER, BEING ONLY PASSED ON IN ONLY A COUPLE OF SPECIES OF THE DOG FAMILY (where it has become a sexually transmitted disease). IN OURSELVES IT EVOLVES GENETICALLY IN ONE LIFETIME AND WE KNOW THE UNITS THAT ARE SELECTED FOR. PROBLEM IS THAT THERE ARE AN ALMOST INFINITE VARIETY OF CANCERS AND AS WE LEARN TO TREAT ONE, OTHERS COME TO THE FORE.

The evidence for early onset of psychopathic and related symptoms is fairly convincing. See:
Frick, P. J., & White, S. F. (2008). Research Review: The importance of callous-unemotional traits for developmental models of aggressive and antisocial behavior. *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry, 49*(4), 359-375. doi:10.1111/j.1469-7610.2007.01862.x
The current paper reviews research suggesting that the presence of a callous and unemotional interpersonal style designates an important subgroup of antisocial and aggressive youth. Specifically, callous-unemotional (CU) traits (e.g., lack of guilt, absence of empathy, callous use of others) seem to be relatively stable across childhood and adolescence and they designate a group of youth with a particularly severe, aggressive, and stable pattern of antisocial behavior. Further, antisocial youth with CU traits show a number of distinct emotional, cognitive, and personality characteristics compared to other antisocial youth. These characteristics of youth with CU traits have important implications for causal models of antisocial and aggressive behavior, for methods used to study antisocial youth, and for assessing and treating antisocial and aggressive behavior in children and adolescents.

NONSENSE—THE AUTHORS ARE NOT EVEN TALKING ABOUT PSYCHOPATHiC BEHAVIOR BUT RATHER ‘AGGRESSIVE AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR’

I don’t know of any real data that can be used to estimate how selection falls on psychopaths and their relatives, only anecdotes. Anecdotally, psychopaths make lousy mates and parents, suggesting that relatives do indeed suffer from having a psychopathic relative. In simple societies individuals who seem like psychopaths are often exiled or assassinated often with the assent of their families. If psychopathy is in a frequency dependent equilibrium, selection on family members that might share genes (or culture) for psychopathy would be part of the selection against it.
pjr>>

TRUMP IS NOT THE PERFECT MATE BUT IS HE REALLY A ‘LOUSY FATHER’?—ASK HIS CHILDREN, IVANKA, DONALD JR ETC—THEY SURE DON’T ACT LIKE THEY HATE HIM. HOW ABOUT VICTIMS OF HINDU AND MUSLIM HONOR KILLINGS WHO ARE ‘ASSASSINATED’ ‘WITH THE ASSENT OF THEIR FAMILIES’—ARE THE VICTIMS PSYCHOPATHS OR ARE THEIR KILLERS? FOR THE **EVOLUTIONARY GENETICS** OF HONOR KILLINGS—SEE BELOW. NOTE THAT CULTURAL PEOPLE HAVE OFFERED LITTLE OR NOTHING OF VALUE ON THIS SUBJECT BUT EVOLUTINARY GENETICS AT ONCE SUGGESTS AN INTERESTING AND VERY STRONG EFFECT.

2— His suggestion that chimpanzee dominance hierarchies consist of a version of psychopathy is utterly novel to me and most interesting. I had always thought of dominance hierarchies as being associated with tyranny and despotism—but are these not often associated with psychopathy?!

<<Yes, dominants seem to be pretty callous, lacking in empathy, and out for themselves. Human evolution involves getting something like psychopathy from near fixation down to a low roar. See my former students and my 2016 BBS paper. It is on my web site. pjr>>

"NEAR FIXATION"—SEZ WHO? OH YOU AND YOUR STUDENTS—NOW THAT'S A SURPRISE.

Consider the "Butcher of Bagdad" Saddam Hussein or the sadistic Basir Assad. The only thing they didn't do is specialize in rape, although Saddam's son Uday did and we can be sure each had greater than average reproductive success but note how sensitive each is to degree of relatedness writ large. Saddam was most biased toward people that came from his place of birth, along the Tigrit River, then people in the surrounding province and then Sunnis over Shia.

Since he was willing to kill others on a large scale—200,000 Shia slaughtered when the idiotic first Bush allowed Saddam to retain his Airforce after we had marched to Bagdad after flinging Saddam's troops out of Kuwait. Or for that matter, Saddam's attack on Shia Iran which claimed more than a million lives on both sides.

<<Psychiatrists discourage the diagnosis of leaders without proper clinical interviews, especially on the part of layfolk. I would not defend the above guys, but I think it is important to understand that the fractious, low trust, multi-ethnic, multi-confessional turf they ruled would lead to psychopath-like behavior even if those leaders were clinically sane. GW Bush's (and Obama's re Gaddafi and drone assassinations) big mistake was assuming that once the bad leaders were toppled the problem was mainly solved. In Afghanistan, Libya, and Iraq, decapitating the bad guys hasn't worked very well even when we go at it wholesale as in drone assassinations. Getting Assad out of the way in Syria will not solve the bitter Sunni/Shia/Kurdish/secular feuding there. The American attempts to do good, if that is even the correct characterization, in the Middle East has been a fiasco. We need to learn from our errors I reckon. One general definition of insanity is doing the same thing again and again and expecting a different result. US attempts to police bits of Asia (small, poor bits at that) have not succeeded since the stalemate in Korea. And yet we keep thinking that we can make the apparently unworkable work. pjr>>

I FEEL CERTAIN I HAVE HAD FAR MORE EXPERIENCE WITH PSYCHIATRISTS THAN PETER HAS. AM I A "LAY PERSON"? WHO KNOWS? IF ALL NON-PSYCHIATRISTS ARE LAY PEOPLE THEN PSYCHIATRISTS ARE MERELY PUFFING THEMSELVES UP AND ROPING THEMSELVES OFF, SOMETHING THEY HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE THE TIME OF FREUD.

"One general definition of insanity is doing the same thing again and again and expecting a different result."

NOT REALLY—THIS IS A FAMOUS JOKE OF EINSTEIN'S BUT, HEY, WHO'SE COUNTING?

TRUMP AS AN ORGANISM—AS SEEN BY A "LAY PERSON"

STRONGLY BIASED TOWARD CLOSE FAMILY

STRONGLY BIASED AGAINST DISTANT RELATIVES—A RACIST OF THE FIRST RANK

EXTREME NARCISSIST

A STRATEGY OF RANDOM MOVES—TO FOOL OTHERS? AND/OR KEEP ATTENTION PERPETUALLY FOCUSED ON HIM?—INCREDIBLE HOW HE WILL GO AGAINST THE NRA ONE DAY AND INVITE IN THEIR LEADERS THE FOLLOWING DAY

LYING CONTINUOUSLY--VERY CREATIVE AND OBSTINATE—PRODUCING AN ENTIRE ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, PERMITTING HIM TO REVERSE COURSE AND COVER TRACKS AT THE SAME TIME

Minor matters:

Peter points out that Mealy (1995) was the first reference he knows of on psychopathy being under frequency dependent selection. An earlier paper, cited in the one I attached, developed the same argument—Harpending and Sobus 1987.

Peter characterizes sickle cell anemia as a "crude adaptation to malaria". Crude? In what sense?

A single copy of the sickle gene gives you anemia, in which the normal shape of the red blood cell—a flat round pill—changes under low oxygen tension into a sickle shape which crushes the malarial Plasmodium inside it. The low oxygen tension is caused by the parasite itself, since it consumes oxygen in the red blood cell. The cell then quickly flips back into normal shape as the oxygen tension returns to normal levels. A sickle individual without malaria suffers no cost at all, since all red blood cells have oxygen tension well above the level that would cause sickling.

Sickle cell DISEASE by contrast refers to an individual with two sickle genes and this is a serious condition since there is extensive sickling in a person who is otherwise normal and lacks, for example, malaria. The survival rate of such individuals in Jamaica (where 10% of the population have a sickle gene and 1% two copies) is 57 years, a good 10+ years below normal—nor is life pleasant or easy. This is the only crudity in the same, the failure to ameliorate the negative effects of two copies.

It is correct as Peter says, that relatively recent human invasion by malaria (~10,000 years ago) was probably in response to large population increases due to agriculture and so on. This short time period has also prevented much selection to ameliorate the sickle cell disease. It is not true, however, that "it and many other crude adaptations" result from the "ability of the malarial parasites to outwit the immune system". First of all, other "adaptations" are no more crude than the sickle trait. For example, the Duffy antigen, a surface protein on red blood cells, is designed to spot Plasmodium and prevent entry. And the parasite does not "outwit the immune system". It is one of the very few Protozoa (or for that matter bacteria) that live WITHIN cells and thus escape the immune system entirely (except see below). Viruses live inside cells, precisely why we can't use antibiotics against them.

And here is a joke for you. Bacteria, as we know, are rapidly evolving resistance to almost all antibiotics but on many tips of the branches of the bacterial bush, species are evolving that DEPEND on antibiotics for their food—stop treating them with antibiotics and they die of hunger!

Plasmodium reproduces within its red blood cell and the offspring are released into the blood as the cell bursts. Now the immune system responds strongly and all hell breaks loose, fever and chills, bed-ridden and sometimes dead. When given a choice, mosquitos preferentially bite sick people, perhaps because they are too weak to swat the mosquitos away. Once in a mosquito, they do nothing to harm it other than congregate in its mouth near the biting organ, the better to arrive new human.

<<A more sophisticated adaptation could be had by duplicating the hemoglobin gene and selecting for haplotypes that have one normal and one sickling allele at the duplicated loci. This haplotype could evolve to fixation because everyone would functionally be the analog of a heterozygote. The production of hemoglobin from each locus would have to halved at the same time so as not to overproduce it. Perhaps the reason this adaptation has not yet evolved is due to the problem of needing the conjunction of two rare events, the duplication and downregulation, at one time.

In general, I think maladaptations are common and interesting. After all, Darwinian's strongest plank in the argument against creationism is the relative crudity of the materialistic evolutionary process. An Omniscient Designer would have duplicate and downregulated the hemoglobin gene in the face of malaria rather than wait for hundreds or thousands of generations for natural selection to get on with it. pjr>>

MY, MY—SO NOW WE ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF TELLING THE WORLD HOW GOD WOULD HAVE HANDLED THE WHOLE MATTER. I BARELY UNDERSTAND MY LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD MUCH LESS THE MIND OF THE OMNISCIENT CREATOR. WHO SAYS SHE OR HE IS BIASED TOWARD HUMANS? PERHAPS SHE HAS AN AFFECTION FOR PLASMODIUM, AS IN HALDANE'S FAMOUS JOKETO WHEN ASKED BY A CLERIC WHAT A LIFETIME STUDY OF EVOLUTION HAD TAUGHT HALDANE ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE CREATOR—"AN INORDINATE FONDNESS FOR BEETLES"—AT THAT TIME, 1/3RD OF ALL ANIMAL SPECIES—300,000—WERE BEETLES.

I enjoyed Brian Mannix's comment, most especially "Pseven". His argument for cooperation is the same as that of Adam Smith in the Wealth of Nations. Once a medium of exchange is introduced into a system of barter, itself a reciprocal relationship, it can be vastly extended, with specialization such that one individual no longer produces ten pencils/day, but ten people are specialized to produce a single pencil—and thus a thousand/day. I too share an aversion to cultural/group selection though perhaps for other reasons. But I side with Peter in feeling that male self-domestication is more important in damping male psychopathy than female choice—Richard Wrangham vs Sarah Hrdy among evolutionary anthropologists.

<<I don't think scientists should have aversions to hypothesis. They should be cool analysts of data and models rather than depend on emotional hunches. I think our BBS paper at least establishes that cultural group selection is a viable explanation for human cooperation. If you think otherwise we describe how you can kill the hypothesis: show that (1) culture does not act as an inheritance system, or that (2) between group cultural variation is too low as it generally is for genetic variation, or that (3) cultural variation is not consequential for human competition, or that (4) human competition does not have a group-organized component. The trouble for your aversion is that the pretty plain evidence is that all four of these statements are counterfactual. pjr>>

Peter's argument on reduction of inter-birth interval in humans again veers off into culture-land when one does not need it—paternal investment, grandmother investment and older sibling investment are all expected on genetic grounds. The authority on the subject is David Haig at Harvard.

<<Humans are such funny old things! We create cultural institutions to manage things for which you and Haig say can, *in theory*, be managed by kinship and reciprocity. Marriage and kinship systems are a great example. Why do societies generally have one or a few marriage contracts and kinship systems on offer even tho marriage and kinship are quite variable cross-culturally?

Why the devil do we bother with cultural institutions when plain old evolutionary biology ought to do the trick? There is at least arguably some slip between "in principle" and "in fact" that ought to make an evolutionist curious. I like this argument (see Rob's or Sarah's web site):

Mathew, S., Boyd, R., & Van Veelen, M. (2013). Human cooperation among kin and close associates may require enforcement of norms by third parties. In P. J. Richerson & M. Christiansen (Eds.), *CulturalEvolution* (pp. 45-60). Cambridge MA: MIT Press. pjr>>

IF THIS IS TRUE—THAT "HUMAN COOPERATION AMONG KIN" and also AMONG "CLOSE ASSOCIATES"—"**MAY REQUIRE ENFORCEMENT OF NORMS BY THIRD PARTIES**", THEN I HAVE WASTED 40 YEARS OF MY LIFE ON THESE TOPICS.

THE MORE GENERAL PROBLEM WITH PETER'S BIAS IS THAT SO LITTLE OF INTEREST HAS EMERGED FROM CULTURAL ARGUMENTATION. CONTRAST GENETIC. FOR EXAMPLE, WE NOW KNOW THAT WHEN **MATERNAL** GRANDMOTHERS INVEST IN THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN, BOTH GRANDDAUGHTERS AND GRANDSONS BENEFIT, WHILE WHEN **PATERNAL** GRANDMOTHERS DO THE INVESTING, GRANDDAUGHTERS BENEFIT WHILE GRANDSONS ARE HARMED. THIS WAS PREDICTED BASED ON THE DIFFERENT WAY IN WHICH THE GRANDMOTHER'S X CHROMOSOME IS INHERITED IN THE TWO SYSTEMS. NO "CULTURAL" ARGUMENTATION HAS COME ANYWHERE CLOSE.

OR TAKE THE LOGIC OF SO-CALLED HONOUR KILLINGS, WHICH I HAVE NOW WORKED ON INTENSIVELY FOR TWO YEARS. NOTHING OF USE FROM CULTURAL "THEORY" BUT A POWERFUL ARGUMENT BASED ON THE EFFECTS OF REPEATED FIRST COUSIN MARRIAGES IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES—AND IN HINDU SOCIETIES ENDOGAMOUS CASTES IN COMPETITION WITH EACH OTHER. See my talk in Barcelona, Spain https://youtu.be/F_4Lr13rnx

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From: Haig, David [redacted]
Sent: 3/19/2018 9:10:54 AM
To: Robert Trivers [redacted]; Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

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Hi Bob (and hello Jeffrey),

I would be happy at the moment not to be on another mailing list. There are just too many different things I am trying to attend to (including imprinted green beards),

David

From: Robert Trivers [redacted]
Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 11:22 PM
To: "Haig, David" <[redacted], Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: <no subject>

dear men

i am writing you both because i am attaching a still not-quite-complete response to Peter Richerson, a gene-culture co-evolutionist—without the genes

i do so because four lines down i tell the "Gruterites"—Gordon Getty's echo chamber—that i have added you two to the list

so here is your chance to say "no way" and i will delete that from the message and likewise not ask Gruter's assistant to add your names to the list

having said that, i find Gordon's missives much less burdensome than those from EDGE and certainly without the egomaniacal nonsense that infects John Brockman—the key is to get the brightest minds in a room and have them tell each other what they think is most important—or some such nonsense

neither David nor i can think of a single scientific advance achieved that way—most of what we do is simply concentrated sustained thought directed toward the foundations of a problem

i doubt Jeffrey has made a huge amount of money via the EDGE program

unless you say otherwise, i will shortly send you the key Getty missives in which he asserts, i believe correctly, that Trump is an archetypal narcissistic psychopath—or whatever the precise term is—and that he must be opposed with full force on that basis

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meanwhile, David has heard plenty about you Jeffrey, a financial/mathematical mind of exceptional quality and you should know that David is one of the very top evolutionary geneticists still breathing and my teacher on every detail large and small

in haste and all best

bob

The Special Counsel's office, nearly leak-proof since its inception more than a year ago and seemingly immune to the President's constant taunts, might appear to be operating in some parallel universe unmoved by the every-day political turmoil. But in the course of conversations I've had recently, as a I research a new book on President Trump and the forces arrayed against him, what has become clear is that Robert Mueller and his office are preparing for a life or death confrontation with the President and the mother of all constitutional crises.

My discussions have been with both White House advisors and people close to the investigation. No source involved in this story would speak on the record. But one source allowed me to review some of the documents related to the Special Counsel's strategy. Aspects of the Special Counsel's strategy have been confirmed by both White House sources and lawyers closely involved with the Justice Department.

Since at least April the Special Counsel has had in place proposed charges, a bill of particulars, and an aggressive legal theory for the indictment of the president for obstruction of Justice. In the last few weeks, as the President has indulged his pardon authority, the Mueller team has also developed a legal strategy to oppose what the Special Counsel believes will be a likely pardon of former National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn, who had previously struck a plea bargain which could include his testimony against the President.

Robert Mueller, according to one person familiar with the Special Counsel's thinking, could hardly contain his disgust when Rudy Giuliani, the President's new lawyer—hired to makes a television case for the President and to push back against the Mueller team—in May airily dismissed the notion that a president can be indicted. Adding insult to injury, Giuliani—who a White House source said had likely learned of aspects of the pending indictment—said Mueller agreed with that assessment. White House sources believe Giuliani was daring the Special Counsel to tip his hand. Mueller, in character, contained his outrage and continued to hold his cards close as his team finished preparing the obstruction case and refined the legal theories under which it would claim the right to haul the president into court.

At this point, the case for indictment has, in effect, a judge of one. The Mueller team, according to sources both near the investigation and the White House, has prepared the case, but it requires the approval of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who—with the recusal of Attorney General Jeff Sessions from the Russia-related investigation—

oversees the Mueller team. Indeed, Rosenstein, as recently as April, publicly declared that the President was not a target. This may have been a form of fig leaf to soothe a President who regularly demands aides assure him he is not being pursued: the President does not become a formal target until Rosenstein agrees to designate him as one.

The proposed indictment confronts Rosenstein with matters with which he has been intimately involved. The case, according to my conversations with White House and other sources familiar with the investigation, is fundamentally Trump versus the FBI, Justice Department, and Mueller investigation itself. In many ways, it boils down to the word of former FBI Director James Comey against the word of Donald Trump. Rosenstein, at the President's behest, drafted a memo justifying the Comey firing for how the former FBI Director handled the Hillary Clinton email investigation. But that justification, in an embarrassment for Rosenstein, was shortly brushed aside by the President when he admitted that he fired Comey to disrupt the Russian investigation. What's more, the indictment is said to charge that the firing of Andrew McCabe, the former Deputy Director of the FBI, who reported directly to Rosenstein after the Comey dismissal, was an instance of illegal retaliation by the President against a potential witness.

According to a source with knowledge of the proposed indictment, it will be all the more controversial because if finds the entire narrative of the case for obstruction in plain sight. Almost nothing about the case involves new information. "This indictment could have been drafted without anyone being interviewed," said this source. Rather it takes well covered public events and moves them to a set of circumstantial conclusions. There is no smoking gun beyond the often flagrant, custom-breaking, events of the President's 16 months in office. Indeed, much of the evidence is based on the President's public statements and tweets about those events.

This is, according to White House sources who have gotten wind of this approach, good news: the case then, is just an issue of what motives you ascribe to the President's behavior—behavior that is, the President's supporters believe it is easy to show, impulsive and not thought out. Hence no intent. For the Mueller team, it is precisely that careless behavior and flagrant disregard for the rules that they aim to put on trial.

There is no certainty that the Special Counsel's office will ultimately pursue its plan to indict the President. But, according to a source involved in the legal strategy, the plan is "more advanced" than it was when the indictment was drafted in April. The investigation continues and new evidence or other factors might push both prosecutors and the grand jury in another direction. Just passing its first anniversary, the Mueller investigation has conducted itself with remarkable secrecy. Descriptions of the proposed indictment provide one of the few insights into its strategy and its sense of the political peril in front of it.

It may be noteworthy that there appears now not to be plan for an indictment related to collusion, although, legal experts say, that could come later.

The White House view is that without the underlying collusion charge, Mueller will be presenting a weak and politically-motivated case. The Mueller view seems to be that the obstruction charges go to the heart of exposing how Trump has abused his power and turned the White House into a corrupt fiefdom.

The President's scheme to obstruct the FBI's investigation into connections between the Trump campaign and Russian efforts to undermine the U.S. election, according to the Mueller indictment, began on the 7th day of the Trump administration. Three days prior to this, on January 24, National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn, lied to the FBI about his contacts with the Russian Ambassador, Sergey Kislyak. These were contacts, directed by an unnamed but ranking member of the Presidential Transition team.

That unnamed person, in the view of several lawyers who discussed the case with me, is very likely Trump himself, and might imply that Trump encouraged Flynn to lie to the FBI, promising to protect him—using his influence or pardon powers.

On January 27th, seven days after Donald Trump's inauguration, the President had the one-on-one dinner with FBI Director James Comey—recounted in Comey's congressional testimony and in his recent book, "A Higher Loyalty"—at which the President asked Comey if he "wanted to stay on as FBI Director." The President then requested a loyalty pledge in an effort, according to Comey's testimony before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, to "create some sort of patronage relationship"—a characterization the indictment accepts.

Flynn resigned on February 13. The next day, the President cleared a meeting of its other attendees and privately asked Comey to "let this go, to let Flynn go." The indictment accepts Comey's understanding that the President was "requesting that [the FBI] drop any investigation of Flynn in connection with false statements about his conversations with the Russian ambassador in December."

On March 30, 2017, ten days after Comey told the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that the FBI was investigating links between the President's campaign and the Russian government, the President asked Comey to "lift the cloud" of the Russian investigation, further telling Comey that the investigation was creating problems for him and expressing the "hope" that Comey "would find a way to get it out that [the FBI] [wasn't] investigating him."

On April 11, according to the indictment, the President asked the FBI Director what he "had done about this request that [Comey] 'get out' that [the President] is not personally under investigation," saying that "the cloud" was "getting in the way of his ability to do his job." Comey asked the President to send his request to the appropriate parties at the Department of Justice. The President agreed but reminded Comey that he had been "very loyal to you [Comey], very loyal; we had that thing, you know."

On May 9, the President fired Comey, publicly saying that the "Russian thing" played a role in his decision to fire the FBI Director. The next day, the President said he'd "faced great pressure because of Russia," and as a result of the firing, that pressure had been "taken off."

On May 17, soon after learning about the appointment of the Special Counsel by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein—in his role as acting Attorney General, after the recusal of Attorney General Jefferson Sessions—the President accused Sessions of "disloyalty" for recusing himself from the Russian investigation. In June 2017, the indictment alleges, the President ordered Robert Mueller to be fired, reversing course only when the White House counsel, Don McGahn, refused to implement the order.

On July 8, after reports of a meeting between the President's son, Donald Trump, Jr., and a Russian agent, Natalia Veselnitskaya, during the 2016 campaign, the President, in furtherance of a cover-up, the indictment alleges, directed his son to state that he and Veselnitskaya had "primarily discussed a program about the adoption of children," when, in fact, according to the indictment, the meeting was organized so that "Russia and its government" could provide the Presidential campaign with "official documents and information that would incriminate" Hillary Clinton, the presumed Democratic candidate for President.

According to the indictment, by June 7, 2017, news outlets were reporting that the Deputy Director of the FBI, Andrew McCabe, could corroborate James Comey's allegation that the President had asked for Comey's loyalty before firing him. As part of the cover-up, the indictment alleges, on July 26, 2017, the President called upon the Attorney General to fire McCabe.

On December 21, 2017, McCabe testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that the President had in fact asked Comey for his loyalty before firing him. Six days later, in retaliation, the President tweeted that McCabe was "racing the clock to retire with full benefits," and implying by use of a question mark, that it was uncertain whether McCabe had "90 days to go?!!!"

On March 16, 2018, McCabe was dismissed, depriving him of his pension. According to the indictment, the President directed McCabe to be fired with the intent to threaten and retaliate against him, the FBI, and the Office of the Special Counsel, "or to impede their respective abilities to assist or carry out the work of the FBI, DOJ, the Office of the Special Counsel, the Congressional Intelligence Committees, and the grand jury."

Together with its narrative of Presidential behavior with, it contends, the certain intention of subverting ongoing investigations, the Mueller office is also ready to argue its right and obligation to charge a sitting president with a criminal violation.

It is the outline of this argument that White House sources say both prompted Rudy Giuliani to scoff at the idea of indictment and, several weeks later, for the President and his lawyer to make sweeping claims about Presidential authority.

It is a coming battle of absolutist positions.

The Special Counsel, according to reports from both the investigation and from the White House, has spelled out an argument—one that appears to be at odds with Department of Justice standing policy that precludes charging a sitting president with a crime—that nothing in the Constitution or in an statute suggests a status with regard to criminal prosecution for the President different from any other federal office. Nor is there any statute or case law that finds that impeachment has to come before an indictment. The Mueller team dismisses the argument made most aggressively by Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz—who offers frequent legal advice to the President both in person and via television—and repeated recently by the President, and in the recently revealed letter sent by his lawyers to the Special Counsel in January, that a president cannot be prosecuted for exercising his constitutional prerogatives, even if they foster crimes. Again, the team argues that there is no statute or constitutional authority that puts the President above the law or that allows him to contribute to breaking the law.

Curiously, the tradition breakers in the White House—supported by a many lawyers, both right and left leaning—now argue that the President's traditional and constitutionally mandated executive powers give him wide latitude for how he carries out his duties. "I don't think you are going to find a court who will not see the president's role as unique," said one White House advisor. "The Mueller theories are wishful thinking."

Such an indictment is described in similar ways by both Mueller and White House insiders: it puts the President's public behavior on trial. The nature of that behavior, for the Mueller team, is corrupt; this, according to the White House, is how voters elected the President to behave.

The Mueller team may have a high hurdle in convincing Rosenstein to approve the indictment. Giuliani recently put standing DOJ policy against the indictment of a president in hyperbolic terms: the President could kill James Comey if he wanted to without fear of prosecution. But, according to one former senior DOJ lawyer, Rosenstein in this circumstance may have the power to override the DOJ guidelines. The Mueller team appears to believe that Rosenstein's pledge before congress that, absent malfeasance, he will support the Special Counsel's independence with regard to the Russian investigation, means he will let the indictment go forward. In one view—and in the suspicion of some in the White House—he may have already authorized Mueller to proceed with the indictment.

The counsel's office does, however, according to the papers I have reviewed, worry about the possibility that Trump will replace Rosenstein with someone who will fire Mueller or curtail the investigation. Indeed, the Mueller investigation seems concerned or shadowed by daily procedural questions of an existential nature—

anticipating its own demise and what consequences that might bring.

It believes that in the inevitable Supreme Court battle that would follow a direct attempt by the President to fire the Special Counsel, the Court would surely rebuff such an expansion of Presidential authority. At the same time, according to its internal research, the Mueller team understands that the President, acting with only somewhat more subtlety, would have the authority to order the Attorney General—even given his prior recusal—to repeal the Special Counsel regulations and close down the investigation, and fire the Attorney General if he refuses. The President, could, too, according to the Special Counsel's analysis, fire Rosenstein and seek someone else to oversee the investigation in ways more to his liking. Both of these actions could, the Special Counsel believes, become part of the behavior that it argues in the indictment amounts to a prima facie case for obstruction of justice.

The team does yet believe it is protected by political realities—the President can not know how Congress might respond—and by bureaucratic ones. Changes to the Special Counsel authorization might require an extended comment period.

Still, what if the President acting unilaterally does shut it down? This, people around the President say is the unknown legal area that might be advantageous to the President. Delays and disruption might well be the President's legal friends.

What, for instance, happens to all the work the Special Counsel's office had done, and, indeed, to the sitting Grand Juries reviewing the evidence? The special counsel's view, according to insiders working on the issues, is that nobody knows. The optimistic legal view is that the Office and staff would survive the Special Counsel's ouster and their work preserved. And that actions taken by the Grand Jury would remain in effect.

This, however, would probably not be true if the Attorney General refused the next Special Counsel's budget request—due on July 1. That would shut down the whole operation—the Special Counsel staff and grand juries. There might, however, according to research the team has prepared, be enough time between the order and the shuttering for the Special Counsel to share the grand jury evidence with other federal prosecutors.

The President's constitutional pardon powers appear to be some of the most troubling and threatening issues for the Special Counsel. The Counsel's office believes the President will use his pardon power as an instrument to undermine the investigation.

According to present and former White House advisors, the President's recent spates of pardons are in part his way of taunting the Special Counsel. The White House, according to these sources, is aware that the Special Counsel has concluded the pardon power is near absolute: the President can certainly pardon himself, and others involved in the investigation.

Early in June, the Special Counsel, believing that a pardon for Michael Flynn was imminent, rushed to build a case that might form an exception to the President's pardon authority. The argument, perhaps a slim thread one, tries to undermine what both the White House and many outside legal authorities, and much of the Special Counsel's own research, believes to be one of the few unchallengeable powers granted the President. In effect, the Special Counsel continues the theme of it's case: there is a level of obstruction of justice that all reasonable men might know when they see it. If you pardon someone to get yourself off the hook, that's a "corrupt" action. Since the President is in charge of upholding the constitution and much of the constitution is about preventing corrupt acts, the pardon, in the case of Michael Flynn, is unconstitutional. What's more, since there is an impeachment process in place—or there at least several impeachment resolutions before congress—and impeachment is the province of Congress, a pardon of a potential witness in this impeachment is an unconstitutional trampling on the separation of powers.

As the President, by nature and design, tries to claim aggressive new powers, the Mueller team, almost in equal proportion, is trying to limit the theory of Presidential power and, even, to criminalize an expansive exercise of those powers.

People who know and have worked with Mueller find it, at best, unexpected that such a traditional, and by the book, G-man, would be pursuing such far-reaching legal theories. One view, shared by the White House, is that Mueller is overly reliant on his staff. In this scenario, the legal charge is being led by his number two, Andrew Weissman, the aggressive prosecutor whose pursuit of the accounting firm Arthur Anderson in the Enron debacle end in its conviction—a judgement reversed well after the firm's bankrupcy and dissolution. Weissman is a particular bet noir and favorite whipping boy for the White House.

But in another view it is precisely because Mueller, a former Marine, is so by the book and Semper Fi that he finds Trump's behavior to be personally offensive, and, on its face, corrupt. "Bob Mueller is all about limits and rules. Donald Trump has none and acknowledges none."

It may yet be even a more profound clash then that, the executive branch at war with itself—the Justice Department against the White House.

Indeed, it is a war strategy, in the view of some legal observers. Such an indictment would be litigated to the hilt. It would force both the substantive issues of obstruction and abuse of power and the meta issues of Presidential immunity—the hot button issues of the President's claims to being above the law—into open court for a long and painful review and dissection that might shadow the November election.

Legal experts believe that the Mueller team might well prevail in lower courts with a less likely, but not at all certain outcome, in the Supreme Court.

"Might such an expansive claim win, yes. Should it win, no. But everyone knows the reality: weak president's lose cases, strong president's win them."

Were the case to reach the Supreme Court after the November election, it might well be the results of that election that help seal the President's fate not just in Congress but also in the courts.

MORE TK

From: Robert Kuhn [redacted]
Sent: 8/19/2018 3:53:57 AM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Kuhn - Radical Breakthroughs
Attachments: CNN - Kuhn - US-China Tariffs, Trade War - CNN Today - 8.2.2018.pdf; Untitled attachment 200384.htm

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Jeffrey:

How's all in our crazy world?

I'm in NY until August 31 (then again, after Beijing, Sept. 25 – Oct. 14). If you are in town, meet?

When convenient, I'd like you to meet Peter Getzels, Closer To Truth producer/director (I've worked with Peter for 12 years); he would very much like to meet you in person, describe the Radical Breakthroughs process in detail, get your feedback. He would come up from DC. We can always do Skype, of course, but Peter would appreciate to meet in person early in the process. Breakthroughs is a Big Project, big opportunity for impact. All are truly excited.

Below are highlights of Breakthroughs progress.

Attached is latest CNN on trade war and below are links (caution: a few weeks old is ancient history in Trump time).

The US trade war against China: The view from Beijing
https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d514f3551544f78457a6333566d54/share_p.html

How should China handle the trade war?
https://news.cgtn.com/news/3d3d774d3449544d79457a6333566d54/share_p.html

Love to discuss stuff.

Robert

Radical Breakthrough Development Work

• Research on each of the 13 episodes is ongoing and we are moving towards creating a short list of the top contributors per episode (with some contributors in multiple episodes).

• We are aggregating the top contributors around 4 to 5 central locations, such as SF Bay Area, LA, Chicago, Boston, New York, Santa Fe, London, Oxford, and Cambridge for the main shoots.

• We are creating a short list of locations for the secondary shoot - i.e. the more observational shoots on specific labs and research facilities, such as the Music Lab at McGill, the Sleep Lab at Harvard.

• We are planning a recce in the autumn to assess locations and meet some of the key contributors.

• We've brought on a production manager / line producer as we develop detailed research, contributors, locations, budgets.

- Our team is working toward interviewing and hiring a top science-literate associate producer / dedicated research producer. We’ve been coordinating with colleagues at HHMI (Howard Hughes Medical Association) as well as National Geographic for staffing referrals, and now have a strong short list. This is a critical, long-term position.

- We are assessing graphics and animation companies and researching styles and graphic ideas that we might use to communicate some of the more complex ideas.

- Our digital team is researching a web extension for the www.closertotruth.com website, developing ideas for a dedicated site neighborhood for "Radical Breakthroughs." We are in discussions with several website design companies, including the company that designed and built our original CTT site, for ideas and bids on creating the expanded site.

- By mid-October, we expect to begin to schedule the shoots.

CNN TODAY

US-China Tariffs, Trade War

Robert Lawrence Kuhn, August 2, 2018

Host: To talk about the potential impact [of tariffs]…. Robert Lawrence Kuhn is a long-time advisor to China's leaders and the Chinese government. He is also the author of *How China's Leaders Think*. You are the perfect person to have on to get China's perspective. Thank you so much for joining us. **RLK: A Pleasure.** **Host: So Trump is obviously hoping for some kind of trade deal, but is this going to work? Tariffs to get Chinese officials to the table?**	Via Skype Los Angeles 4:32 PM U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS LIVE CNN S&P ▲ 13.86 CNN.com
RLK: Certainly from China's point of view, they were very happy with the status quo before this occurred. They blame the U.S. for starting a trade war. They think the U.S. will suffer and, indeed in a trade war, everybody suffers. There are some serious problems, though, that American experts, American government [policies], reflect. Very few people in the U.S. actually support the tariffs themselves. There will be higher prices for consumers. There will be more people affected – [there are] more industries that use steel than produce steel.	Via Skype Los Angeles 4:32 PM U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS Robert Lawrence Kuhn | Advisor to Chinese government LIVE CNN 11:32 PM GMT CNN.com Stay with CNN for more on this & the latest international news

RLK: So there's a significant impact [on the US]. The US hope is that China will be pressured to make changes in its policy. Now the [tariff] policy is not just [targeting] the trade deficit. The policies are, what are called, China's closed market, intellectual property protection, industrial espionage, tech transfers and JVs (to get the Chinese market) and government support for tech. And for each of these, China has responses. China says it was doing what was appropriate under the WTO because it was a developing country. Now that it's advanced, it's opening markets.	Via Skype Los Angeles 4:33 PM Getty Imag U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS Robert Lawrence Kuhn | Host, "Closer To China with R.L.Kuhn" on CGTN LIV CNN.com
China has a "negative list" telling people [companies] what it cannot do, making it much easier; China is also opening further in autos and financial services. But they need to be pushed more. Even economists in China recognize that, that coming out of this, if we have cool heads and smart brains, both sides can be better off. **HOST: So are there other ways to do this? You listed that Trump wants to close a trade deficit. He's hitting back at these closed markets. He wants to prevent the stealing of intellectual property. What is an effective way to do this besides heaping these tariffs on China?**	Via Skype Los Angeles 4:33 PM November 8, 20 Beiji U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS Robert Lawrence Kuhn | Advisor to Chinese government LIV CNN.com Zimbabwe's ruling Zanu-PF party wins a two-thirds majority in parliament

RLK: Well some people would say that tariffs have at least got China's attention. Even some leading people tell me privately in China that in that sense China needs to move faster in doing things like opening markets, like intellectual property protection. Now they are doing some things. They have an intellectual property court. I visited it in Shanghai a few months ago. It's working really well. Much more progress needs to be done. So in that sense the tariffs are a beacon that tells everybody we need to deal because everybody is going to suffer by tariffs. The question is how we deal with it.	Via Skyp Los Angele 4:33 P U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS Robert Lawrence Kuhn | Chairman, The Kuhn Foundation LIV CNN.com Record-breaking temperatures leave 29 dead in S. Korean heatwave
China needs to make some specific changes regarding markets, IPR, some of these other things — they should be done subtlety and not publicly. That's the way to get things done. HOST: I see. You know, President Trump has infamously said that trade wars are good and they're easy to win. And you wrote about this, why the Chinese don't think that the U.S. could ever win a trade war with Beijing. It was a very long list but tell us the highlights of that. RLK: Right — in the early days of the so-called trade war, the Chinese media and Chinese experts were talking very frequently about how the U.S. can't win.	Via Skyp Los Angele 4:34 P U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR TRUMP ESCALATES TRADE THREATS AGAINST CHINA May bump 10% to 25% tariffs on $200 billion in Chinese goods LIV CNN.com Trump also thanks North Korea's Kim for "very nice letter"

Examples were the U.S. is divided on tariffs which is certainly true. China is not because publicly people don't speak against the Chinese government, so that may be a little bit artificial, but nonetheless it is a matter of public policy in China to support the government. There's a nationalistic pride in China. Americans will be affected by their pocket book. They're going to pay more for baseball gloves and television sets and dishwashers. And people are not going to be happy about that. There will be industries that will be affected — and technology and soybeans we know. So there will be many, many interest groups in the U.S. that will argue and fight against tariffs.	Via Skype Los Angeles 4:35 PM U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS Robert Lawrence Kuhn | Chairman, The Kuhn Foundation LIVE CNN @HolmesCNN
So the basic reason is that the U.S. has a divided approach to tariffs, and that's certainly true. Most experts deny that tariffs are an effective way. Quiet diplomacy, putting pressure on China in the right way is the way because China does need to make some changes. People in China recognize that. **HOST:** As China is saying they will not be blackmailed to doing these things. We're going to have to leave it there. Robert Lawrence Kuhn, we appreciate your expertise. Thank you very much for your time. **RLK:** Thank you.	Via Skype Los Angeles 4:36 PM U.S.-CHINA TRADE WAR U.S. THREATENS 25% TARIFFS ON $200B OF CHINESE GOODS Robert Lawrence Kuhn | Advisor to Chinese government LIVE CNN @HolmesCNN

From: Lawrence Krauss[redacted]
Sent: 8/29/2018 6:06:32 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
CC: Lawrence Krauss[redacted]
Subject: Fwd: October 19, Heidelberg

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Hi.. so, here is the event I am still invited to give in Germany. It is Oct 19th. I was previously invited to give a major lecture in Heidelberg Oct 14 but they had to cancel it after the university determination re australia was publicized by the bitch. That air ticket, which they had paid fo, was about 5250 euros. There is a $900 cancellation fee, and they have agreed to let me keep the ticket if I pay them 4500 euros. I offered that to the other place but they only have $5K USD total, which includes the $4K fee they originally offered me. I am going to check other tickets now, but wanted to know if you might be flying to europe around then and could take a hitchhiker. :)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jakob Köllhofer [redacted]>
Subject: **Re: October 19, Heidelberg**
Date: August 29, 2018 at 4:49:53 AM PDT
To: Lawrence Krauss <[redacted]n>

Hi Lawrence,

just back from a long tour „on origins".

As promised you will get my message promptly.

As you may understand, before we start recruiting for the Festival our budget implies more freedom. Now I simply do not have the flexibility to decide so easily on amounts in „kilos". (especially as a prominent Nobel laureate shortly before deadline agreed to come and implied a pretty large sum).

What I can offer you is **5k** as a lump sum. This is the ultimate at the moment.

I deeply regret these limitations but I cannot ignore redlines.

So please let me know if you can or cannot come.

As ever Jakob

Jakob J. Köllhofer
Direktor
DAI

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Fax[redacted]
Email:[redacted]
www.dai-heidelberg.de

Am 26.08.2018 um 22:04 schrieb Lawrence Krauss <[redacted]>:

Hi.. update.. noam cannot do anything anyway.. nor UK that week.. So, I have been able confirm I can get the ticket for the discounted amount of 4500 Euros.. Are you game with my proposal? I have until end of Sept to buy out the old ticket before they cancel it.

Lawrence

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On Aug 17, 2018, at 9:34 AM, Lawrence Krauss <[redacted]> wrote:

Well it depends on UK.. if they can't do it, then alas, it would be the whole thing.. I could check for a discount ticket of course.. and maybe even economy class... There is also a small chance that I might do the event in UK with Noam Chomsky, and I am wondering whether, if I could convince him to join me in a dialogue at your place whether that might change the dynamics of the event for you, and free up some more money perhaps..

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On Aug 17, 2018, at 9:18 AM, Jakob Köllhofer <[redacted]> wrote:

Hi Lawrence

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 19, 2018, at 5:52 AM, Jakob Köllhofer <[redacted]> wrote:

Dear Lawrence

my colleague is waiting for two sentences on your planned topic…
Could you save him?…

Jakob

Jakob J. Köllhofer
Direktor
DAI

Tel: [redacted]
Fax:
Email: [redacted]
www.dai-heidelberg.de

Am 07.06.2018 um 17:40 schrieb Lawrence Krauss [redacted]>:

Will do.

Lawrence M. Krauss
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On Jun 7, 2018, at 1:04 AM, Jakob Köllhofer <[redacted]> wrote:

Hi Lawrence,

I think we take Journey to the Beginning of Time.

Could you write two sentences for my colleague to
make clear where your talk will go for..

This may well lay the groundwork for next year`s major focus
on ORIGINES.

I do look forward to having you here again!

As ever Jakob

P.S I`ll cc Michael!

Jakob J. Köllhofer
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DAI

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Am 06.06.2018 um 19:13 schrieb Lawrence Krauss <[redacted]>:

Hi.. I hadn't thought of it. I don't know what Jakob would prefer.   I could give a science talk.. on, say: Journey to the Beginning of Time.. or I could speak about
Science in the Trump Era..   am cc'ing him here.. Jakob, which would you prefer?

Lawrence

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On Jun 6, 2018, at 2:15 AM, Michael Braun [redacted]> wrote:

Dear Lawrence Kraus,

> my name is Michael Braun and I am working on the DAI Heidelberg's fall program brochure.
>
> May I ask you if you settled on a topic for your Heidelberg talk?
>
> If so, could you send me title and a short abstract for me to include in the brochure and on our website?
>
> Best
> Michael
>
> Mit besten Grüßen
>
> Michael Braun
> Referent für Presse- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit
>
> Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institut Heidelberg
> - Das Haus der Kultur -
>
> Sofienstraße 12, 69115 Heidelberg
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From: Deepak Chopra [redacted]
Sent: 11/30/2018 3:32:06 PM
To: J [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

I'm getting there v late on Sunday
Have filming for Al Gore before
See my text re Monday ?

Deepak Chopra MD

2013 Costa Del Mar Road
Carlsbad, CA 92009
Chopra Foundation
Jiyo
Chopra Center for Wellbeing

www.discoveringyourcosmicself.com

On Nov 30, 2018, at 10:24 AM, J <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

george church and i having lunch at my istittue at harvard sunday. join.?

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From: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 4/27/2014 6:58:54 PM
To: Joi Ito [redacted]
Subject: Re: NYTimes: Sanctions Revive Search for Secret Putin Fortune

[redacted]

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:

> Can you talk now?
>
> On Apr 27, 2014, at 04:41 , Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> >[redacted] if you havetime
> >
> >
> > On Sun, Apr 27, 2014 at 6:54 AM, Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:
> >
> > President Obama's response to the Ukraine crisis, while derided by critics as slow and weak, has reinvigorated a 15-year global hunt for the Russian leader's hidden wealth.
> > http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/27/world/sanctions-revive-search-for-secret-putin-fortune.html?smid=nytnow-share&smprod=nytnow
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> --
> Please use my alternative address[redacted]o avoid email auto responder

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Date: Friday, June 20 2014 10:50 AM
Subject: good for the gay comminuty
From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
To: [redacted]; [redacted]

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http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/21/us/politics/obama-to-extend-array-of-marriage-benefits-to-gay-couples.html?hp

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 7/14/2014 9:45:41 AM
To: Ed Boyden [redacted]
Subject: Re: deception

definitely

On Mon, Jul 14, 2014 at 4:50 AM, Ed Boyden <[redacted]> wrote:

Sorry again for that last minute cancellation in the Spring -- alas, the perils of running a new center, that I no longer control my schedule like in the good old days. But the Obama BRAIN Initiative is running strong, and MIT has a good bid for a seat at the table, so that is good. Want to revisit a time for a chat? My schedule is now much more free, thanks to these BRAIN initiative activities launching...

Best,
Ed

On Fri, Dec 6, 2013 at 7:08 AM, Lesley Groff <[redacted]> wrote:
> Good morning Neil…I am afraid Jeffrey must cancel his trip up today…he is sick in bed and not well. I am so very sorry to do this last minute. Hopefully we can circle back to this soon.
>
> Thank you,
> Lesley
> Assistant to Jeffrey Epstein
>[redacted]
>
>
> On Dec 6, 2013, at 12:32 AM, Neil Gershenfeld <[redacted]> wrote:
>
>> Confirming lunch noon Friday at my office, E15-401. Sunglasses and beach balls optional, hopefully this will be a warm-up for meeting in more entertaining venues.
>>
>> Neil
>>
>

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 7/17/2014 1:47:48 PM
To: Lesley Groff [redacted]
Subject: Re: Reminder Ed Boyden.

Today or tomorowb

On Thursday, July 17, 2014, Lesley Groff <[redacted]> wrote:

> Reminder: Would you like me to set up a call for you with Ed Boyden?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> **From:** Ed Boyden <[redacted]>
> **Date:** July 14, 2014, 4:50:47 AM EDT
> **To:** Lesley Groff <[redacted]
> **Cc:** Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>
> **Subject: Re: deception**
> **Reply-To:** [redacted]
>
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 9/19/2014 11:48:18 AM
To: Kathy Ruemmler [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

"girls?",, careful i will renew an old habit, . this week, thiel, summers,bill burns, gordon brown, jagland, (council of europe and nobel chairman). mongolia pres , hardeep puree (india), boris (gates). jabor (qatar). sultan (dubai,), kosslyn (harvard), leon black, woody. you are a welcome guest at any..... also if you think there are interesting people in town, everyone here for climate summit , clinton ,security council, holy shit im on [redacted] for next 30 minutes

On Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 7:15 AM, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]> wrote:

> Most girls do not have to worry about this crap.
>
> On Sep 19, 2014 7:09 AM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> > > Agreed, but I need to be prepared to say yes before I talk to him.
> > >
> > > Sent from my iPad
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 9/19/2014 7:48:29 PM
To: Kathy Ruemmler [redacted]
Subject: Re: Fwd:

Importance: High

[redacted] if you have a chance

On Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 3:46 PM, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]> wrote:

> Correct. One time, maybe. Twice, no way.
>
> On Sep 19, 2014 3:45 PM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> > of course not , he wouldnt have been so stupid.
> > ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> > From: **Kathy Ruemmler** <[redacted]>
> > Date: Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 3:44 PM
> > Subject: Re:
> > To: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>
> >
> > Gov is not jewish
> >
> > On Sep 19, 2014 3:42 PM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > > reid or governor
> > >
> > > On Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 3:02 PM, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Uh, yeah. We will now go through a period of self-reflection and despair.
> > > >
> > > > On Sep 19, 2014 3:00 PM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > >
> > > > > double whoops
> > > > >
> > > > > On Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 2:59 PM, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]> wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > > Yep. And now he is a repeat offender.
> > > > > >
> > > > > > On Sep 19, 2014 2:58 PM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > > > >
> > > > > > > and thats after turning down misdeameors? whoops
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > On Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 2:57 PM, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]> wrote:
> > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > Reid's guy went down on all 7 counts.
> > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > On Sep 19, 2014 8:01 AM, "Kathy Ruemmler" <[redacted]> wrote:
> > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > Yes, trains exist -- people ride them to get from one place to another.....germ factories, however. DC today, back in NY on Sunday morning.
> > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > On Sep 19, 2014 7:57 AM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
> > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > > train? yes , i will be like the emergency room doctor at lenox hill, put that crazy in room 1, gunshot in surgery, and the
> > > > > > > > > > "cook" welll -- he can wait
> > > > > > > > > >
> > > > > > > > > > On Fri, Sep 19, 2014 at 7:54 AM, Kathy Ruemmler <[redacted]> wrote:

Doesn't look like you are prioritizing your schedule very effectively.....how are you going to manage all of that? this is unga week so the boss will be in town too.....I'll be here all week -- you may get sick of me....just sat down on the train so can't talk freely.

On Sep 19, 2014 7:48 AM, "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

> "girls?",, careful i will renew an old habit, . this week, thiel, summers,bill burns, gordon brown, jagland, (council of europe and nobel chairman). mongolia pres , hardeep puree (india), boris (gates). jabor (qatar). sultan (dubai,), kosslyn (harvard), leon black, woody. you are a welcome guest at any..... also if you think there are interesting people in town, everyone here for climate summit , clinton ,security council, holy shit im on [redacted] for next 30 minutes
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 10/9/2014 10:15:19 AM
To: Lawrence Summers [redacted]
Subject: Re: Post Exclusive: Obama aides knew of possible White House tie to Cartagena scandal

i have some ideas . call when you have a moment .

On Wed, Oct 8, 2014 at 11:39 PM, Lawrence Summers <[redacted]> wrote:

> I fear she should have pulled out last week.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Please direct all scheduling inquiries to my office at: [redacted]
>
> Follow me on twitter @lhsummers
> www.larrysummers.com
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> **Resent-From:** <[redacted]>
> **From:** The Washington Post <newsletters@email.washingtonpost.com>
> **Date:** October 8, 2014 at 10:05:38 PM EDT
> **To:** "Summers, Lawrence" <[redacted]>
> **Subject: Post Exclusive: Obama aides knew of possible White House tie to Cartagena scandal**
> **Reply-To:** The Washington Post <newslettersFS772X.4900074@email.washingtonpost.com>
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> # Obama aides knew of possible White House tie to Cartagena scandal

As nearly two dozen Secret Service agents and members of the military were punished or fired following a 2012 prostitution scandal in Colombia, Obama administration officials repeatedly denied that anyone from the White House was involved.

But new details drawn from government documents and interviews show that senior White House aides were given information at the time suggesting that a prostitute was an overnight guest in the hotel room of a presidential advance-team member — yet that information was never thoroughly investigated or publicly acknowledged.

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Sent: 10/27/2014 3:53:38 PM
To: Lisa New[redacted]
Subject: Re: writing up proposal

Importance: High

I think the proposal for 500k is optimistic but can't hurt. .

On Mon, Oct 27, 2014 at 9:48 AM, Lisa New <[redacted]> wrote:

> Dear Jeffrey,
>
> Larry has told me that you and a friend would like to contribute to my project (hallelujah and thank you a million times, Jeffrey) and that I ought to write up a proposal asking for 500,000. This is wonderful. If this comes to pass, the best way for that money to come, I think, is as a gift to Poetry in America, an initiative at EdLabs at Harvard University. This will give me discretion over its disbursement to HarvardX and WGBH, but this will be absolutely be a Harvard gift that will count as Campaign success and from which Harvard will take some (but not as much)overhead. . So far the best finance people I've met are at EdLabs and they are happy to manage these funds for me. There are other ways to give me this money that leave Harvard out, but my understanding is that your friend would like this to be a Harvard gift.
>
> Here's a draft of what I'd like to do with that money.
>
> I'd like 500,000 to do post-production and distribution of a whole *historical period* of American poetry (1914-1945 is what I'm thinking--Modernism) and including *three episodes of tv*.
>
> The raw materials for that period include interviews with Bill Clinton (including footage not yet used by WGBH), Peter Gallison, Walter Isaacson, Lena Dunham, Woody Allen (whose lawyers didn't like our release a while ago, but we're hoping will soften over time), Harrison Ford (still a maybe), Robert Polito, Sarah Kay, Al Filreis, Rafael Campo, Susan Howe, kids from Nantucket High School, kids from Brookline High School, Alfre Woodard, Jane Pickering, Jay Parini, Ray Dalio, Leon Wieseltier, Richard Dawkins and others; and footage shot in Harlem, Greenwich Village, midtown, Chicago, London (if I have the money to hire a crew there; don't now), at museums including the Fogg, Harvard Museum of Natural History, Frost's house in Ripton Vermont and more.
>
> This allows the donor to give to a big Harvard Campaign priority, Teaching and Learning , by supporting Poetry in America, allowing me to produce the crucial segment of the online course with the highest (TV quality) production values and so also supplying higher quality video to WGBH as a way also to cut their costs.
>
> Currently, HarvardX skimps (on lighting, for instance--see the Bill Clinton interview) and while WGBH ladles money raised by others into everything. I have been pounding away at my friends at WGBH and I know that WGBH producer will work with HarvardX if they can give him footage of the right quality. . That is, we'll use HarvardX as the backlot for WGBH so as to squeeze three episodes out for 250.
>
> This proposal does not include experiments in schools or the curricular development into courses for teachers that you've seen in other (million dollar_) proposals. But the courses for teachers can't happen before the footage is developed, and these courses will have as their centerpiece the WGBH episodes, and so this funding will make all the rest possible.
>
> I can polish this narrative and or edit it, if there are things you think I have wrong.

And I can attach a draft budget based on real Harvard numbers (what my Harvard video editor, producer, media manager cost) as well as a draft WGBH budget I'll now go an negotiate with them. Or we can do that at a second stage.

Let me know what you think? And when are we reading Whitman together. Why don't we set a date for Feb when *Poetry in America 3: Whitman* is running online and we could screen a little video and then have a discussion around your table with you and some friends?

Lisa

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Sent: 1/4/2015 10:25:34 AM
To: Joi Ito [redacted]

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On Sunday, January 4, 2015, Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:

> Interesting…. Heard Alan is not the type to give up.
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> > On Jan 4, 2015, at 7:25 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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Fwd: Statement for Press

From: Carolyn Cohen [redacted]m>
Date: February 10, 2015 at 10:40:57 AM EST
To: Alan Dershowitz <[redacted]>
Subject: **Statement for Press**

Alan Dershowitz's Statement: We can now prove that Jane Doe #3 has no credibility and lied about Clinton, the Gores and Dershowitz.

Dershowitz's lawyers have filed a detailed reply to Jane Doe #3 false charges. In it they definitively respond to all of the alleged evidence presented by Jane Doe #3 and her lawyers. Since that filing Mr. Dershowitz's lawyers have uncovered additional evidence that Jane Doe #3 has lied about her alleged contacts with former President Clinton and former Vice President Gore and the then Mrs. Gore. In her first affidavit to the court she repeats the claim that she had earlier sold to a British tabloid: namely that "former President Bill Clinton was present on the island [Jeffrey Epstein's private island] at a time when [Jane Doe #3] was also present on the Island."

This statement, sworn under oath, summarizes a far more elaborate fantasy that she sold to a British tabloid which has since been repeated by the international media. In neither statement, does she provide any specific dates or times, but she does weave an imaginative fantasy about her fictional meeting with former President Clinton. She "describes" how Mr. Clinton's Secret Service detail allowed Ghislaine Maxwell, then a novice helicopter pilot, to fly the former President to Epstein's private island on a large black helicopter—an obvious lie. She then purports to "describe" specific seating locations at a fictional dinner party that included her, Mr. Clinton, Jeffrey Epstein and two other underage "olive-skinned brunettes" whose identities she could not provide:

"I flew to the Caribbean with Jeffrey and then Ghislaine Maxwell went to pick up Bill in a huge black helicopter that Jeffrey had bought her. She'd always wanted to fly and Jeffrey paid for her to take lessons, and I remember she was very excited because she got her licence around the first year we met. I used to get frightened flying with her but Bill had the Secret Service with him and I remember him talking about what a good job she did. I only ever met Bill twice but Jeffrey had told me that they were good friends. I asked, "How come?" and he laughed and said, "He owes me some favours." Maybe he was just joking but it constantly surprised me that people with as much to lose as Bill and [Prince] Andrew weren't more careful. She said that when dining that night, Maxwell sat at

President Clinton's left, while they were joined by two 'olive-skinned brunettes' who had been flown in from New York…

I'd never met them before. I'd say they were no older than 17, very innocent-looking.

They weren't there for me. They weren't there for Jeffrey or Ghislaine because I was there to have sex with Jeffrey on the trip.

Maybe Jeffrey thought they would entertain Bill, but I saw no evidence that he was interested in them. He and Jeffrey and Ghislaine seemed to have a very good relationship. Bill was very funny.

He made me laugh a few times. And he and Jeffrey and Ghislaine told blokey jokes and the brunettes listened politely and giggled.

After dinner I gave Jeffrey an erotic massage. I don't remember seeing Bill again on the trip but I assume Ghislaine flew him back… "

Jane Doe #3 also concocted another meeting with a powerful political figure for the British tabloid, this time claiming to have met former Vice President Gore and his then wife, Tipper, on the same Island, again providing no specific dates or times, but only personal interest details designed to enhance the value of her fictional account:

"[Jane Doe #3} disclosed that Mr Clinton's vice-president Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, were also guests of Epstein on his island… 'I had no clue that anything was up,' [Jane Doe #3] says. 'The Gores seemed like a beautiful couple when I met them. All I knew was that Mr Gore was a friend of Jeffrey's and Ghislaine's. Jeffrey didn't ask me to give him a massage… There might have been a couple of other girls there on that trip but I could never have imagined this guy would do anything wrong. I was planning to vote for him when I turned 18. I thought he was awesome.'"

These fabrications, which are obvious on their face, could easily have been determined to be false by any reasonable investigation. Our investigation has turned up evidence that Mr. Clinton was never on Mr. Epstein's island, that neither Mr. Gore, nor his former wife, have ever been on the island, and that Mr. and Mrs. Gore do not even know Mr. Epstein. Jane Doe #3's salaciously detailed accounts, sold for money to a tabloid are made up and were purposely designed to titillate the interests of readers eager for such salacious material. Jane Doe #3's even more salacious "descriptions" of her alleged sexual encounters with Dershowitz are also fabricated.

If it turns out that Jane Doe #3 deliberately lied about seeing former President Clinton on the island, she would be guilty of perjury.

Mr. Dershowitz's legal team has uncovered additional evidence, which it is in the process of verifying, that proves a pattern of lying and false accusations that casts even further doubt on Jane Doe #3's credibility. This evidence will be disclosed once it has been confirmed by their investigation.

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Alan Dershowitz	11:46 AM (1 hour ago)

to Darren, me, Martin

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Subject: Re: Fw: Fwd: Mr. Clinton and Mr. Epstein

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On Thursday, March 19, 2015, Martin Weinberg [redacted] wrote:

> Martin G. Weinberg, Esq.
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 9/18/2015 4:08:16 PM
To: Lawrence Krauss [[redacted]
Subject: Re: an article you may both hate. or like.

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you can invite depp to visit us when you are in the caribean

On Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 4:10 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[redacted]> wrote:

> Ps. My piece argued against fanaticism.
>
> **Lawrence M. Krauss**
> **Director, The Origins Project at ASU**
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 10, 2015, at 12:02 PM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> I think religion plays a major positive role in many lives. . i dont like fanaticism on either side. . sorry
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> On Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 7:52 PM, Noam Chomsky <[redacted]> wrote:
>
>> Thanks for sending. A wide area of agreement, but not total.
>>
>> On confronting dogma, I of course agree – though in my opinion the secular religions – nationalist fanaticism, etc. – are much more dangerous. And if some find rational discussion offensive – as, for example, mainstream academics find dismantling myths of "American exceptionalism" or "Israeli self-defense" or Obama's mass murder campaign, etc., offensive – so be it.
>>
>> But I don't see why that should extend to ridicule. That includes astrologists. Astronomers can refute astrology, while recognizing that perfectly honest and deluded people may believe it and should be treated with respect, while their beliefs are confronted with evidence. I also don't see why we should ridicule religious dogma, just as I don't think we should ridicule the much more pernicious secular dogmas. Rather, we should respond to irrational belief with argument and evidence, while recognizing that their advocates (like most of the intellectual world in the case of secular dogma) are people who we should be responding to but without ridiculing them. It may be hard sometimes. For example, when the icon and founding father of sober non-sentimental Realism in International Affairs informs us that the US, unlike other countries, has a "transcendental purpose," and the fact that it constantly acts in contradiction to its purpose doesn't matter because the facts are just "abuse of history" while real history is "the evidence of history as our minds reflect it," then it's hard to avoid ridicule. But we should. There's no point ridiculing

virtually the entire IR profession and the major journals, even though such extraordinary irrationality leads to major human disasters.

On Davis, I frankly think that's a non-issue. If she decides she cannot do her job as the conditions of employment require (including following the law), then she can quit and look for another job. As in any other such case.

Noam

From: Lawrence Krauss [mailto:[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 1:51 AM
To: Noam Chomsky <[redacted]>; jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Subject: an article you may both hate. or like.

hope all is well.

Lawrence

http://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/all-scientists-should-be-militant-atheists

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Epstein victims "complicit" so not truly victims, government says

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A routine status check Monday on a 2008 federal lawsuit tied to sex offender Jeffrey Epstein's plea deal ended with a new allegation from the government.

The two victims who filed the lawsuit — Jane Doe No. 1 and Jane Doe No. 2 — aren't actually victims because they procured other girls for Epstein and received money for it, Assistant United States Attorney Dexter Lee said in West Palm Beach federal court.

If someone "is complicit in the offenses," they can't be considered victims under the federal Crime Victims' Rights Act , Lee said.

"A Crime Victims' Rights Act action is part of a criminal proceeding normally, but there's nothing normal about this case," Lee said.

Doe 1 and 2 are among more than two dozen underage girls who filed lawsuits or settled claims against Epstein, alleging they were lured to his Palm Beach mansion to give him sexually charged massages and/or sex in exchange for money. They were 14 and 13 at the time.

"Today is the first we've heard that the victims were complicit and this disqualifies them," said victims' attorney Brad Edwards. "This is an additional issue, which will lead to other issues."

Edwards added that although only two victims are named as plaintiffs, they represent dozens of victims who were named by the government as having been victimized by Epstein. Edwards said he plans to have other victims testify at trial.

Doe 1 and 2 are trying to overturn a federal non-prosecution agreement struck between Epstein and federal prosecutors without notice to the victims — a violation of the victims' rights act. The agreement kept Epstein from facing serious federal charges and extensive prison time.

Epstein signed the agreement in September 2007, but victims weren't notified until January and May 2008, according to emails and court documents.

As part of the deal, Epstein pleaded guilty to two state charges in June 2008, serving 13 months of an 18-month prison sentence in a vacant wing of the Palm Beach County stockade. He was awarded liberal work-release privileges.

In January, another Epstein victim alleged in court papers that Epstein forced her to have sex with Britain's Prince Andrew and high-profile attorney Alan Dershowitz when she was a minor. Both have vigorously denied her claims. Dershowitz and Edwards are suing each other in Broward County Circuit Court, alleging defamation.

Edwards told U.S. District Judge Kenneth Marra that he and attorney Paul Cassell will file a 60-page motion for summary judgment by Dec. 15. If that motion is denied, Edwards said he thinks it would be possible that the case could be ready for trial by mid-summer.

That was before Lee interjected the new issue.

"There are no deadlines at this point," Marra said. "That is the reason for this hearing, so that it doesn't linger."

Marra asked both sides to get together in the next few weeks and "agree on a schedule to get things done."

After the hearing, Edwards said, "I'm disappointed that they would attempt to call these girls anything less than victims and it's no doubt offensive to the victims. To raise this issue for the first time eight years later is not right."

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To: Lisa New [redacted]
Subject: Re: Poetry Update and Thank You

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I'm in Cambridge sat?

On Wednesday, 2 December 2015, Lisa New [redacted]> wrote:

> Dear Jeffrey,
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> May I drop by before the New Year (perhaps on the 9th, or on the 17th or 18th?) to get your advice about my renewal of the Templeton campaign, and also my needs in the coming year for Poetry in America? Below is the letter I'm sending out to my friends and supporters, and at the bottom a message just for you....
> -Lisa
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> That you are receiving this letter means that you are among a special community of friends whose support— financial, moral, intellectual, logistical— has allowed my initiative, *Poetry in America*, to realize what seemed, a year ago, almost certainly too ambitious a vision. **That vision was to produce the highest quality educational video on American poetry, creating a body of humanities content capable of reaching a broad community of learners: formal and informal, online and residential, young and old, American and international. And it was to begin— rapidly— to disseminate and distribute our work.**
>
> Whether you donated to *Poetry in America* through Filmmaker's Collaborative (our 501c3 fiscal sponsor), through Harvard, or through WGBH; whether you appeared on camera or talked an elusive friend into appearing on camera to discuss a poem; whether you lent us your film crew, or provided overnight use of your hotel suite or apartment or of your whole skyscraper; whether you highlighted our work on your stage, or talked your colleagues into becoming corporate sponsors; whether you flew to Boston to install state-of-the-art editing and video storage equipment, or asked your children's school to let us film there; whether you encouraged your family foundation to take an interest in the project, or gave us a lesson in IP, in licensing, in the rudiments of finance, or of distribution; whether you praised, or gave timely, much-needed criticism— you enabled what we have done.
>
> Here's what we have to report, and to show, a year later, thanks to your help. Links offer sneak peeks of works -in-progress across the full portfolio of *Poetry in America* projects.
>
> - The first **eight-episode season of the public television series *Poetry in America*** (a co-production between WGBH, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker David Grubin, and my own new production company, Verse Video), is now fully funded and in production, with episodes featuring Bill Clinton, Herbie Hancock and Sonia Sanchez on Langston Hughes, Frank Gehry on Carl Sandburg, Katie Couric on Elizabeth Bishop, Nas on Whitman, and many more scheduled for nationwide launch in 2017.
> - ***Poetry in America*'s many initiatives to reach Middle and High School teachers and their students are taking root.** Our first online course for Middle and High School Teachers, **Poetry of the City**, will launch this Spring with the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Companion materials to this course will be made available for free on PBS LearningMedia. This course is

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Sent: 12/2/2015 5:52:40 PM
To: Lesley Groff [redacted]
Subject: Fwd: Poetry Update and Thank You

Importance: High

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From: **Lisa New** <[redacted]
Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2015
Subject: Poetry Update and Thank You
To: "jeffrey E." <jeevacation@gmail.com>

That's ideal. Larry's away and I'll be working all day. I'm free any time.

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To: Lisa New[redacted]
Subject: Re: and....another bit of advice ...? on WA

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On Mon, Dec 7, 2015 at 3:01 PM, Lisa New <[redacted]> wrote:

> Dear Jeffrey,
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> As you probably know, Woody Allen's legal team said that we couldn't use the film we shot of him: online, for broadcast, anywhere.
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> It was a fantastic experience taping with him and so, even if I can't ever use the footage, I'm still grateful to you for making the day possible. But of course I'd like to use the footage. I decided when--way back-- we got this very negative answer back from his lawyers that I should just take my time about asking --since it would take us 2 years to be ready to edit the footage anyway (The online course is chronological. When I taped Woody we were still back in 1730. Now we've gotten to the 1920s)
>
> Well, we've now arrived at the season when we'll be editing materials on William Carlos Williams for our course on Modernism and, as we discussed on Saturday, on poetry and other arts, The Poetry of Art, Sport, and Play
>
> I would also, of course, love to make a tv episode out of the conversation, but the threshold question is whether he'll let us use it for anything at all. In case it would matter,
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> Other performers who have already taped with me include
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> John Lithgow,
> Diane Paulus
> Julie Taymor
> Nas
> Eve Ensler
> Damian Woetzel
> Kate Burton
> Lil Buck Riley
> Alfre Woodard
> Herbie Hancock
> Tony Kushner
> Natalia Zukerman
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> and those who have agreed to tape with me include
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> Sally Field
> Lena Dunham
> Yo Yo Ma
> Anna Deveare Smith
> and more.

> Those in other fields include journalists, senators, president clinton etc etc. You've read my pitch before (many times)
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> His is one of only two releases that we haven't gotten. What do you think of my chances?
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Sent: 12/8/2015 5:59:54 PM
To: soon yi previn [redacted]]
Subject: Re: following up: WA poetry release

thx

On Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 1:58 PM, soon yi previn <[redacted]> wrote:

> Open in principle depending on specially how and where it would be shown and how it would be advertised- both subject to particular requirements and/or restrictions.Also dependent on approval of final cut. Would enter project with positive attitude but release would be reworked by lawyer.
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> Sent from Soon-Yi's iPhone 🎈
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> On Dec 8, 2015, at 10:40 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Leah Reis-Dennis** <[redacted]>
> Date: Tue, Dec 8, 2015 at 11:33 AM
> Subject: following up: WA poetry release
> To: jeevacation@gmail.com, Lisa New <[redacted]>
>
> Dear Jeffrey,
>
> My name is Leah Reis-Dennis, and I'll be heading operations for Lisa's new non-profit, Verse Video Education. She's asked me to be in touch with you about helping us get a release from Woody Allen.
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> First, I wanted to send along the rough stringout of footage from the conversation with Woody a couple of years ago on "This is Just to Say" by William Carlos Williams. This is totally unedited and uncut footage, but we would love the opportunity to turn it into something great.
> https://www.dropbox.com/sh/c0bn1jjxeo0654g/uWZ6KBVbLS?preview=WoodyAllen+Basic+Clip+for+Viewing.mov
>
> If Woody Allen agrees to let us use the footage, he will be in distinguished company. To date, we have filmed conversations about poetry with dozens of distinguished Americans including:
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> Bill Clinton
> Al Gore
> John McCain
> Mayor Rahm Emanuel
> Mayor Tom Menino
> Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan
> Sir Mervyn King
> Former Secretary of the Treasury Larry Summers
>
> The conversation would be part of a large multiplatform initiative that Harvard Professor Lisa New has under way to bring poetry into the mainstream, and, especially, into English Language Arts classrooms in the United States and around the world. The initiative, Poetry in America, includes a HarvardX online course, a television series we're creating with WGBH to be paired with PBS LearningMedia segments for the classroom, and, a

series of online professional development courses we're creating for ELA Middle and High School teachers and for their students.

Let us know if Woody Allen might be open to our sending another release form his way. Of course, if he's interested in releasing the footage for only certain parts of our project, we're open to having a conversation about that, too.

Thank you, and I hope to meet you soon.

Best, Leah

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Subject: Fwd: Reuters / lawsuit against Jeffrey Epstein
Attachments: katie johnson v trump complaint.pdf

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To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Reuters / lawsuit against Jeffrey Epstein

Sorry, the suit is attached to this email.

From: Ingram, David (Reuters News)
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 12:14 PM
To: 'Martin G. Weinberg'
Subject: Reuters / lawsuit against Jeffrey Epstein

Hi Marty,

The attached lawsuit was filed this week in federal court in California alleging that Jeffrey Epstein and another man, Donald Trump, raped her in 1994. We're planning to publish a story on the suit this afternoon, and we want to make sure it is fair. Is Mr. Epstein available to speak? Or do you want to offer a comment on this behalf?

My number is [redacted], and I'm available any time. I also just tried your cell phone.

Thank you in advance.

David Ingram
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
CIVIL COVER SHEET

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☒)

KATIE JOHNSON

DEFENDANTS (Check box if you are representing yourself ☐)

DONALD J. TRUMP and
JEFFREY E. EPSTEIN

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff SAN BERNADINO
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant NEW YORK
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

(c) Attorneys (*Firm Name, Address and Telephone Number*) If you are representing yourself, provide the same information.

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UNKNOWN

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an X in one box only.)

☐ 1. U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 2. U.S. Government Defendant
☒ 4. Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES-For Diversity Cases Only
(Place an X in one box for plaintiff and one for defendant)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	☒ 1	☐ 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in this State	☐ 4	☐ 4
Citizen of Another State	☐ 2	☒ 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business in Another State	☐ 5	☐ 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	☐ 3	☐ 3	Foreign Nation	☐ 6	☐ 6

IV. ORIGIN (Place an X in one box only.)

☒ 1. Original Proceeding
☐ 2. Removed from State Court
☐ 3. Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4. Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5. Transferred from Another District (Specify)
☐ 6. Multi-District Litigation

V. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT: JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No (Check "Yes" only if demanded in complaint.)

CLASS ACTION under F.R.Cv.P. 23: ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ **MONEY DEMANDED IN COMPLAINT:** $ 100,000,000.00

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write a brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

42 U.S.C. ; 1985 - CONSPIRACY TO DENY CIVIL RIGHTS

VII. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an X in one box only).

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☐ 375 False Claims Act
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☐ 120 Marine
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☐ 196 Franchise

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☐ 320 Assault, Libel & Slander
☐ 330 Fed. Employers' Liability
☐ 340 Marine
☐ 345 Marine Product Liability
☐ 350 Motor Vehicle
☐ 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability
☐ 360 Other Personal Injury
☐ 362 Personal Injury-Med Malpratice
☐ 365 Personal Injury-Product Liability
☐ 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability
☐ 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability

IMMIGRATION
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☐ 465 Other Immigration Actions

TORTS PERSONAL PROPERTY
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☐ 371 Truth in Lending
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☐ 385 Property Damage Product Liability

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☐ 442 Employment
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☐ 446 American with Disabilities-Other
☐ 448 Education

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Habeas Corpus:
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☐ 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence
☐ 530 General
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☐ 540 Mandamus/Other
☐ 550 Civil Rights
☐ 555 Prison Condition
☐ 560 Civil Detainee Conditions of Confinement

FORFEITURE/PENALTY
☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881
☐ 690 Other

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☐ 710 Fair Labor Standards Act
☐ 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations
☐ 740 Railway Labor Act
☐ 751 Family and Medical Leave Act
☐ 790 Other Labor Litigation
☐ 791 Employee Ret. Inc. Security Act

PROPERTY RIGHTS
☐ 820 Copyrights
☐ 830 Patent
☐ 840 Trademark

SOCIAL SECURITY
☐ 861 HIA (1395ff)
☐ 862 Black Lung (923)
☐ 863 DIWC/DIWW (405 (g))
☐ 864 SSID Title XVI
☐ 865 RSI (405 (g))

FEDERAL TAX SUITS
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☐ 871 IRS-Third Party 26 USC 7609

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VIII. VENUE: Your answers to the questions below will determine the division of the Court to which this case will be initially assigned. This initial assignment is subject to change, in accordance with the Court's General Orders, upon review by the Court of your Complaint or Notice of Removal.

QUESTION A: Was this case removed from state court? ☐ Yes ☒ No	STATE CASE WAS PENDING IN THE COUNTY OF:	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD IS:
If "no, " skip to Question B. If "yes," check the box to the right that applies, enter the corresponding division in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.	☐ Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo	Western
	☐ Orange	Southern
	☐ Riverside or San Bernardino	Eastern

QUESTION B: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a PLAINTIFF in this action? ☐ Yes ☒ No	**B.1.** Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.? *check one of the boxes to the right* ➡	☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		☐ NO. Continue to Question B.2.
If "no, " skip to Question C. If "yes," answer Question B.1, at right.	**B.2.** Do 50% or more of the defendants who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.) *check one of the boxes to the right* ➡	☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		☐ NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

QUESTION C: Is the United States, or one of its agencies or employees, a DEFENDANT in this action? ☐ Yes ☒ No	**C.1.** Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Orange Co.? *check one of the boxes to the right* ➡	☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Southern Division. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		☐ NO. Continue to Question C.2.
If "no, " skip to Question D. If "yes," answer Question C.1, at right.	**C.2.** Do 50% or more of the plaintiffs who reside in the district reside in Riverside and/or San Bernardino Counties? (Consider the two counties together.) *check one of the boxes to the right* ➡	☐ YES. Your case will initially be assigned to the Eastern Division. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.
		☐ NO. Your case will initially be assigned to the Western Division. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there.

QUESTION D: Location of plaintiffs and defendants?	**A.** Orange County	**B.** Riverside or San Bernardino County	**C.** Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo County
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of *plaintiffs who reside in this district* reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	☐	☒	☐
Indicate the location(s) in which 50% or more of *defendants who reside in this district* reside. (Check up to two boxes, or leave blank if none of these choices apply.)	☐	☐	☐

D.1. Is there at least one answer in Column A?	**D.2. Is there at least one answer in Column B?**
☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the SOUTHERN DIVISION. Enter "Southern" in response to Question E, below, and continue from there. If "no," go to question D2 to the right. ➡	If "yes," your case will initially be assigned to the EASTERN DIVISION. Enter "Eastern" in response to Question E, below. If "no," your case will be assigned to the WESTERN DIVISION. Enter "Western" in response to Question E, below. ⬇

QUESTION E: Initial Division?	INITIAL DIVISION IN CACD
Enter the initial division determined by Question A, B, C, or D above: ➡	EASTERN

QUESTION F: Northern Counties?

Do 50% or more of plaintiffs or defendants in this district reside in Ventura, Santa Barbara, or San Luis Obispo counties? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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IX(a). IDENTICAL CASES: Has this action been previously filed **in this court**? ☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): ______

IX(b). RELATED CASES: Is this case related (as defined below) to any civil or criminal case(s) previously filed **in this court**? ☒ NO ☐ YES

If yes, list case number(s): ______

Civil cases are related when they (check all that apply):

☐ A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;

☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or

☐ C. For other reasons would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

Note: That cases may involve the same patent, trademark, or copyright is not, in itself, sufficient to deem cases related.

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☐ A. Arise from the same or a closely related transaction, happening, or event;

☐ B. Call for determination of the same or substantially related or similar questions of law and fact; or

☐ C. Involve one or more defendants from the criminal case in common and would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges.

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR SELF-REPRESENTED LITIGANT): ______ DATE: April 26, 2016

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Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
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863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405 (g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KATIE JOHNSON
Plaintiff

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP and
JEFFREY E. EPSTEIN
Defendant(s).

CASE NUMBER: ED CV16-00797 DMG (KSx)
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The United States District Court

COMPLAINT FOR CLAIM RELIEF DUE TO:

1. **SEXUAL ABUSE UNDER THREAT OF HARM**
2. **CONSPIRACY TO DEPRIVE CIVIL RIGHTS**

Plaintiff Katie Johnson, for causes of actions against Defendants Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, alleges as follows:

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JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction is pursuant to the law of Diversity, 28 U.S.C. ; 1332, as plaintiff resides in the state of California while defendants reside in the state of New York and the action is for damages above $75,000.

VENUE

2. The venue is established as the Eastern Division of the United States Court Central District of California because the plaintiff resides in San Bernadino County, State of California

PARTIES

3. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, resides in the State of California.

4. The Defendants, Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, each reside in the State of New York.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, alleges that the Defendants, Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, did willfully and with extreme malice violate her Civil Rights under 18 U.S.C. ; 2241 by sexually and physically abusing Plaintiff Johnson by forcing her to engage in various perverted and depraved sex acts by threatening physical harm to Plaintiff Johnson and also her family.

6. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, alleges that the Defendants, Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, also did willfully and with extreme malice violate her Civil Rights under 42 U.S.C. ; 1985 by conspiring to deny Plaintiff Johnson her Civil Rights by making her their sex slave.

7. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, alleges she was subject to extreme sexual and physical abuse by the Defendants, Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, including forcible rape during a four month time span covering the months of June-September 1994 when Plaintiff Johnson was still only a minor of age 13.

8. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, alleges she was enticed by promises of money and a modeling career to attend a series of underage sex parties held at the New York City residence of Defendant Jeffrey E. Epstein and attended by Defendant Donald J. Trump.

9. On the first occasion involving the Defendant, Donald J. Trump, the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was forced to manually stimulate Defendant Trump with the use of her hand upon Defendant Trump's erect penis until he reached sexual orgasm.

10. On the second occasion involving the Defendant, Donald J. Trump, the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was forced to orally copulate Defendant Trump by placing her mouth upon Defendant Trump's erect penis until he reached sexual orgasm.

11. On the third occasion involving the Defendant, Donald J. Trump, the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was forced to engage in an unnatural lesbian sex act with her fellow minor and sex slave, Maria Doe, age 12, for the sexual enjoyment of Defendant Trump. After this sex act, both minors were forced to orally copulate Defendant Trump by placing their mouths simultaneously on his erect penis until he achieved sexual orgasm. After zipping up his pants, Defendant Trump physically pushed both minors away while angrily berating them for the "poor" quality of their sexual performance.

12. On the fourth and final sexual encounter with the Defendant, Donald J. Trump, the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was tied to a bed by Defendant Trump who then proceeded to forcibly rape Plaintiff Johnson. During the course of this savage sexual attack, Plaintiff Johnson loudly pleaded with Defendant Trump to "please wear a condom". Defendant Trump responded by violently striking Plaintiff Johnson in the face with his open hand and screaming that "he would do whatever he wanted" as he refused to wear protection. After achieving sexual orgasm, the Defendant, Donald J. Trump put his suit back on and when the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, in tears asked Defendant Trump what would happen if he had impregnated her, Defendant Trump grabbed his wallet and threw some money at her and screamed that she should use the money "to get a fucking abortion".

13. On the first occasion involving the Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was forced to disrobe into her bra and panties and to give a full body massage to Defendant Epstein while he was completely naked. During the massage, Defendant Epstein physically forced Plaintiff Johnson to touch his erect penis with her bare hands and to clean up his ejaculated semen after he achieved sexual orgasm.

14. On the second occasion involving the Defendant, Jeffrey Epstein, the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was again forced to disrobe into her bra and panties while giving Defendant Epstein a full body massage while he was completely naked. The Defendant, Donald J. Trump, was also present as he was getting his own massage from another minor, Jane Doe, age 13. Defendant Epstein forced Plaintiff Johnson to touch his erect penis by physically placing her bare hands upon his sex organ and again forced Plaintiff Johnson to clean up his ejaculated semen after he achieved sexual orgasm.

15. Shortly after this sexual assault by the Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, on the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, Plaintiff Johnson was still present while the two Defendants were arguing over who would be the one to take Plaintiff Johnson's virginity. The Defendant, Donald J. Trump, was clearly heard referring to Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, as a "Jew Bastard" as he yelled at Defendant Epstein, that clearly, he, Defendant Trump, should be the lucky one to "pop the cherry" of Plaintiff Johnson.

16. The third and final sexual assault by the Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, on the Plaintiff, Kati Johnson, took place after Plaintiff Johnson had been brutally and savagely raped by Defendant Trump. While receiving another full body massage from Plaintiff Johnson, while in the nude, Defendant Epstein became so enraged after finding out that Defendant Trump had been the one to take Plaintiff Johnson's virginity, that Defendant Epstein also violently raped Plaintiff Johnson. After forcing Plaintiff Johnson to disrobe into her bra and panties, while receiving a massage from the Plaintiff, Defendant Epstein attempted to enter Plaintiff Johnson's anal cavity with his erect penis while trying to restrain her. Plaintiff Johnson attempted to push Defendant Epstein away, at which time Defendant Epstein attempted to enter Plaintiff Johnson's vagina with his erect penis. This attempt to brutally sodomize and rape Plaintiff Johnson by Defendant Epstein was finally repelled by Plaintiff Johnson but not before Defendant Epstein was able to achieve sexual orgasm. After perversely sodomizing and raping the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, the Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, attempted to strike her about the head with his closed fists while he angrily screamed at Plaintiff Johnson that he, Defendant Epstein, should have been the one who "took her cherry, not Mr. Trump", before she finally managed to break away from Defendant Epstein.

17. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was fully warned on more than one occasion by both Defendants, Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, that were she ever to reveal any of the details of the sexual and physical abuse that she had suffered as a sex slave for Defendant Trump and Defendant Epstein, that Plaintiff Johnson and her family would be in mortal danger. Plaintiff Johnson was warned that this would mean certain death for herself and Plaintiff Johnson's family unless she remained silent forever on the exact details of the depraved and perverted sexual and physical abuse she had been forced to endure from the Defendants.

MATERIAL WITNESSES

18. Tiffany Doe, a former trusted employee of the Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, has agreed to provide sworn testimony in this civil case and any other future civil or criminal proceedings, fully verifying the authenticity of the claims of the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson. Witness Tiffany Doe was employed by the Defendant, Jeffrey E. Epstein, for more than 10 years as a party planner for his underage sex parties. Despite being subject to constant terroristic threats by Defendants Epstein and Trump to never reveal the details of these underage sex parties at which scores of teenagers, and pre-teen girls were used as sex slaves by Defendant Epstein and Defendant Trump, witness Tiffany Doe refuses to be silent any longer. She has agreed to fully reveal the extent of the sexual perversion and physical cruelty that she personally witnessed at these parties by Defendants Epstein and Trump.

19. Material witness Tiffany Doe fully confirms all of Plaintiff Katie Johnson's allegations of physical and sexual abuse by Defendants Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein. Tiffany Doe was physically present at each of the four occasions of sexual abuse by Defendant Trump upon the person of Plaintiff Johnson, as it was her job to witness all of the sexual escapades of Defendant Epstein's guests at these underage sex parties and later reveal all of the sordid details directly to Defendant Epstein. Defendant Epstein also demanded that Tiffany Doe tell him personally everything she had overheard at these parties explaining to her that "knowledge was king" in the financial world. As a result of these underage sex parties, Defendant Epstein was able to accumulate inside business knowledge that he otherwise would never have been privy to in order to amass his huge personal fortune.

20. Material witness Tiffany Doe will testify that she was also present or had direct knowledge of each of the three instances on which Defendant Jeffrey E. Epstein physically and sexually abused the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson. Tiffany Doe will testify to the fact that the Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, was extremely fortunate to have survived all of the physical and sexual horrors inflicted upon her by Defendants Epstein and Trump.

CLAIM FOR RELIEF

21. The Plaintiff, Katie Johnson, asks the court for relief against the Defendants, Donald J. Trump and Jeffrey E. Epstein, in the amount of $100,000,000.00 (One Hundred Million Dollars) as a result of the Defendants aforementioned acts upon which they willfully and maliciously violated the Civil Rights of the Plaintiff as stated in 18 U.S.C. ; 2241 by sexually and physically abusing the then 13 year old Plaintiff Johnson under threat of harm to her and her family, and 42 U.S.C. ; 1985 by the Defendants conspiring to deny the Civil Rights of Plaintiff Johnson by making her their sex slave.

Dated: April 26, 2016

KATIE JOHNSON

By______________________________

Plaintiff Katie Johnson

Appearing In Pro Per

From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 5/3/2016 6:37:06 PM
To: Moshe Hoffman [redacted]
Subject: Re: Greetings, Thanks, and Top Five Questions for the Social Sciences (which Martin thought may interest you)

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On Tue, May 3, 2016 at 12:51 PM, Moshe Hoffman <[redacted]> wrote:

> Hi Jeff,
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> Thanks again for making the time for me last time you were in town. And for your introductions to Brockman and Ehud. I have enjoyed all the conversations and been learning a lot. Hopefully, a book or two will come out of it eventually as well. Means a lot to me.
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> Martin mentioned that you are thinking about the top questions in various fields and suggested I might think of some of my own and pass them on to you.
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> In case you are interested, I list below the five biggest questions that keep me up at night, motivate my life's work, and which I think ought to keep up every social scientist. Happy to discuss with you, if and when you are interested.
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> -Moshe
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> 1) Where do our moral and political views come from?
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> The bull shit answers most people accept clearly don't fit the facts; we are not discovering moral truths through reason, and our political views are not motivated by a desire to achieve the best policy outcomes. So what does drive these beliefs? And what causes them to have the weird puzzling features they do (e.g., why is a lie of commission so much worse than a lie of omission)? And what causes them to change over time (e.g., slavery has been accepted as moral at many points in history)? And differ across cultures (e.g., ISIS versus the U.S.)? And across person and context (e.g., Trump vs. Bernie supporters)?
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> More generally, we believe and argue all sorts of crap (your vote can make a difference, Jesus loves you, all men are created equal). How do these beliefs and arguments work? Are they just random ideas propagated by an amorphous culture, viruses taking advantage of our own psychology for their benefit, ideas that get us to do the bidding of their cynical designers?
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> 2) Similarly, where do our tastes come from? Like the art we like? Or the music?
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> Some tastes are kinda obvious. E.g., we evolved to like young curvy women because they are the most fertile. And maybe we like art that reminds us of this or of landscapes that are safe or what not. But there are many aspects of art and music (e.g. modern art, rap) that are not universally pleasing. So what makes people like these things? What properties do they need to succeed? What role does the artist or the history of the piece play in what we like? Of course, this question isn't just about art and music, but about all of our peculiar, culturally specific tastes. How does culture shape our tastes? Is it completely arbitrary or is there some logic to its influence?

3) Where do our political and economic institutions come from and what causes them to have the peculiar structure they have?

We have one vote per person, but everyone knows dollars can buy more votes, and voters in small states are better represented than those in large states. Whose interests are being served and why theirs? Many economists and political scientists have thought about "optimal institutions." And much comparative and historical work has been done. But there isn't really a good unified theory of how these evolve, what characteristics are likely to emerge, and in what ways they are or are not optimal.

4) Is there a fundamental theory of human societies that's analogous to Darwin's theory in biology?

Can that framework be as well supported by evidence and as simple as natural selection in biology, that will likewise explain the interesting things humans do, like, and believe, and the institutions we construct? Evolutionary psychologists think this doesn't require a new theory, just an investigation of the mind that biologically evolved on the Savannah. Others like Dawkins have suggested that we are best understood as machines infested by viruses of the mind which themselves evolve to take advantage of our evolved psychology. Anthropologists treat culture as just random inputs. Social psychologists document the funny quirks of our behavior without explaining where they come from. And economists assume people optimize given their tastes and beliefs but take those as given. Is one of these the right theory, if not is there a more compelling theory out there? What will it look like? How will we find it? How will we know we have found it, when we have?

5) How can we fix the perverse incentives in academia?

Researchers get hired and promoted for publishing in top journals. Journal publication is determined by editors and referees. The best way to publish is to make sure your allies are the referees, cite their work, and don't step on their toes, and to convince the editor you are famous enough and your work is flashy enough that it will be well cited and get covered by the nytimes. None of this requires much attention be paid to truth, insight, or originally.

Arguably, this is why the social sciences are such a mess. Few bother to incorporate evidence or arguments from outsiders (e.g., social psychologists don’t consult historians, economists barely consult social psychologists). Few bother to question the fundamental assumptions driving their field that make no sense and go unchecked (e.g., anthropologists treat culture as random inputs). And many researchers end up spending their whole careers developing and propagating theories that are completely uninteresting to outsiders, or obviously fallacious to anyone not steeped in their literature.

It is ridiculous that we’re still using a system derived from the Society of Letters of the 1500s. Perhaps it's time for something more like Wikipedia, where information gets aggregated and contributors are incentivizes by their reputation as competent editors to integrate information from across disciplines? Or something like Reddit, where quality research is recognized by upvotes that aggregate the opinion of thousands from diverse fields? Or a certification system of sorts, where papers are certified as having done their statistics right or having integrated what's known from certain fields, or not citing irrelevant papers for political reasons? Whatever the solution is, social scientists and engineers who work on this problem will have orders of magnitude more impact on science than scientists doing primary research in our archaic system.

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Subject: Fwd: woody and deadline

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Date: Wed, May 4, 2016 at 2:25 PM
Subject: woody and deadline
To: Jeffrey Epstein <jeevacation@gmail.com>

Dear Jeffrey,

Woody has received from his lawyer some questions I asked in in response to the agreement Irwin Tenenbaum sent me....I found that that agreement generous and reasonable (!), and I'm excited to go forward, but I do need those clarifications. We can absolutely agree that we will not give Woody larger or more important billing than Bill Clinton or Joe Biden, and that I'd like to come to him to renew our agreement after five years.

The Harvard week of content in which Woody will appear, if we can sign this, needs to be edited in the next week-10 days. We are out of time, which is why I'm writing

The television show has been picked up by American Public Television, they will distribute nationally, and they've asked for another 5 episodes. I so want Woody to be one of those.

I'd like to see the haiku written by computer. Haiku is not that hard. I'd like to see an elegy written by computer.

Lisa
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Elisa New
Powell M. Cabot Professor of American Literature
Harvard University
148 Barker Center
12 Quincy Street
Cambridge, MA
O2138
[redacted]

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 5/25/2016 11:09:21 AM
To: Michael Wolff [redacted]
Subject: Re: Trump

Importance: High

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otherwise you can just throw easys

On Wed, May 25, 2016 at 7:05 AM, Michael Wolff <[redacted]> wrote:

> I'm interviewing him this afternoon. Anything you think I should ask?

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 5/25/2016 11:16:19 AM
To: Michael Wolff [redacted]
Subject: Re: Trump

Importance: High

maybe you can ask why bernie nussbaum got vince fosters letter quickly, that is a hillary problem. he would smile then you can ask his realtionsjipwith the elctricians unions and maralago . and out you go

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Sent: 5/25/2016 11:21:11 AM
To: Michael Wolff [[redacted]]
Subject: Re: Trump

Importance: High

nussbaum white house counsel. . hillary doing naughties with vince

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 8/8/2016 9:43:10 AM
To: Deepak Chopra [redacted]
Subject: Re: America's Shadow: The Real Secret of Donald J. Trump - SFGate by Deepak Chopra
Attachments: supergenes[2].png

Importance: High

i will forward it . he asked if you would come back again. without the russian. to me it was a woody allen movie . you talking conciousness , his wife more concerned with the salad dressing, and the russian deciding the future of syria. . As you know I find ideas no matter how extreme , the root of possible insight. so the other day I had viisitn the psychedelic crowd. one of them has opened a store on 1 st and the bowery called the alchemist kitchen. . How about we meet there , I want to see the store and you ride with me back uptown. lets say 230? I have left my schedule open after.

On Mon, Aug 8, 2016 at 4:57 AM, Deepak Chopra <[redacted] wrote:

> Since Woody was into the subconscious mind I thought I'd share this
> See you at 3PM
> http://www.sfgate.com/opinion/chopra/article/America-s-Shadow-The-Real-Secret-of-Donald-J-7965248.php
>
> Deepak Chopra
> 2013 Costa Del Mar Road
> Carlsbad, CA 92009
> The Chopra Foundation
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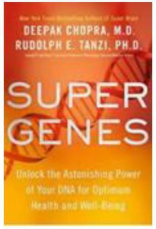
> 
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 10/2/2016 9:00:42 PM
To: LHS [[redacted]]
Subject: Re: Trump

[redacted]

On Sunday, 2 October 2016, LHS <[redacted]> wrote:

> What number r u at?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Please direct all scheduling inquiries to my office at: [redacted]
>
> Follow me on twitter @lhsummers
> www.larrysummers.com
>
> On Oct 2, 2016, at 8:32 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
>
> Yes
>
> On Sunday, 2 October 2016, LHS <[redacted]> wrote:
>
>> Yes. Let's briefly discuss. Can u have her write me.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> www.larrysummers.com
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>> On Oct 2, 2016, at 2:32 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
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>> can somoene from the development office show rothschild around harvard sat.?
>>
>> On Sun, Oct 2, 2016 at 2:32 AM, LHS <lhs@lawrencesummers.com> wrote:
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>>> Jeff
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>>> How plausible is idea that trump is real cocaine user?
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 11/10/2016 9:53:43 PM
To: Joi Ito [redacted]

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3914012/Troubled-woman-history-drug-use-claimed-assaulted-Donald-Trump-Jeffrey-Epstein-sex-party-age-13-FABRICATED-story.html

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 12/12/2016 7:52:15 PM
To: Joi Ito [redacted]
Subject: Re: From Politico Magazine

talk to danny hillis he had some legisative ideas

On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 1:26 PM, Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:

> Any ideas?
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
> **From:** Margaret Slattery <[redacted]>
> **Subject: From Politico Magazine**
> **Date:** November 28, 2016 at 3:04:51 PM CST
> **To:** "[redacted]" <[redacted]>
>
> Dear Joi,
>
> Hello, I'm writing from Politico Magazine, where we're working on a special package of stories timed to Donald Trump's inauguration in January, and I wondered if you would be interested in contributing.
>
> As he prepares to take office, our plan is to publish a handful of out-of-the box ideas for President Trump, suggested by writers and thinkers from a variety of fields and ideological positions. Whether the idea has to do with politics, policy, personnel or governing style, we're looking for suggestions that are specific and, above all, surprising; something inventive if slightly far-fetched is better than a pet cause or a well-trod policy proposal. (This exercise doesn't require that you support or even agree with Trump, but it does require a willingness to engage.)
>
> Do you have an idea along these lines that you wish the new president would consider, whether something in economics or otherwise? If so, I'd love to hear, and we can discuss next steps from there. Ultimately, we're aiming to publish a handful of short pieces (about 800 words each) as a package of proposals.
>
> Many thanks, and please let me know if you have questions.
>
> Margy Slattery
>
> —
> Deputy Editor, Politico Magazine
> [redacted], [redacted]

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 3/16/2017 11:26:44 AM
To: Reid Hoffman [redacted]; Joi Ito [redacted]

a HUGE donor advised fund is an elegant solution to the cuts trump proposes to what some consider critical programs. you could organzie a huge public charity that would continue the work of many worthwhile orgs. not my thing but structurally beautiful. its the wealthiest now stepping into a quasi govt funding. national endowment for arts. climate science. as extraordinary amounts of wealth have moved into private hands. elons and jeff space goals should be mirrored with many other former govt ones. hope to see you soon

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 6/1/2017 12:12:39 PM
To: Joi Ito [redacted]
Subject: Re:

Importance: High

did you talk to reid about the donor advised fund?

On Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 8:12 AM, Joi Ito <[redacted]> wrote:

> :-)
>
> > On Jun 1, 2017, at 6:00 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
> >
> > when i told reid that obama just wanted to make money,   he thought i was being cynical, as he was sure that doing good was going to be the goal
> >
> > https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/31/us/obama-buys-house-washington-kalorama.html?module=WatchingPortal&region=c-column-middle-span-region&pgType=Homepage&action=click&mediaId=thumb_square&state=standard&contentPlacement=6&version=internal&contentCollection=www.nytimes.com&contentId=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nytimes.com%2F2017%2F05%2F31%2Fus%2Fobama-buys-house-washington-kalorama.html&eventName=Watching-article-click
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Sent: 10/11/2017 3:15:45 PM
To: Lawrence Summers [[redacted]
Subject: Re: Trending Now: Friends for three decades, Trump whisperer says he is ‘stunned’ by president’s rhetoric

he knows. , it is sooo crazy, and now reporting is quite inaccurate. but each reporter feels he needs to tell his version, Im in paris if you want to chat

On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Lawrence Summers <[redacted]> wrote:

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> Date: Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 9:04 AM -0400
> Subject: Trending Now: Friends for three decades, Trump whisperer says he is ‘stunned’ by president’s rhetoric
> To: "Summers, Lawrence H." <[redacted]>
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> *Democracy Dies in Darkness*
>
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 10/27/2017 2:50:59 PM
To: Lawrence Summers [[redacted]
Subject: Re: Trending Now: Friends for three decades, Trump whisperer says he is ‘stunned’ by president’s rhetoric

saudi?

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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 1/6/2018 9:20:31 PM
To: Michael Wolff [redacted]
Subject: Re:

It looks to me as you might have driven him over the edge. DJT: 'I do things proper !!/ " im really, like . smart. !! sounds like elizas father- donald dolittle. . . or dopey donald or demented donald. as I told you his statement from camp david was laced with "he has made billions and billions of dollars. he is reportedly petrified that his bluff will be called. . His 100 million dollar plane he said be bought from paul allen , is really a 1991 boeing 757 previously used by a mexican airline. repainted . His- ladder capital finance llc, - ladder capital 1 finance llc , deutsche bank trust co americas . chicago unit acquistion .(it says "springing loan" over 50m -I never even heard of the term . as part of june 17 disclosure form he owes each more than 50 m apiece. but of course, not disclosed just -how much more. . declared the revenue of his real estate as INCOME without deducting expenses or taxes. all a sham

On Sat, Jan 6, 2018 at 4:00 PM, Michael Wolff <[redacted]> wrote:

> I feel he truly must be off his rocker. Could there be a strategy here?
>
> On Sat, Jan 6, 2018 at 3:39 PM jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
>
>> how does it feel to have the president of the united states. at camp david. focus on you.. ! .
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From: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Sent: 8/19/2018 11:46:04 AM
To: Robert Kuhn [redacted]
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November 25, 2018

Dear Ms. Knowles-Carter,

I am writing now to invite you to be a featured guest of *Poetry in America* (poetryinamerica.org). *Poetry in America*'s first season's guests included Bill Clinton, Joe Biden, Cynthia Nixon, Shaquille O'Neal, Yo Yo Ma, Samantha Power, Herbie Hancock, John McCain, Nas, Angela Duckworth, Bono, Regina Spektor, Frank Gehry, Stuart Weitzman, E.O. Wilson, and many others. Seasons Two and Three will feature just as distinguished a line up. The series airs on public television stations everywhere, streams via Amazon Prime and other streaming services, and it is now also airing on a variety of domestic and international airlines.

The poem we'd read and interpret together is by the contemporary poet Evie Shockley, and it's called "you can say that again, billie." It's a brilliant and beautiful poem that speaks back to Billie Holiday's "Strange Fruit" and evokes a whole history of gender and race in the American South. You are the ideal reader for this poem. We would use what we filmed together in an upcoming season of *Poetry in America.* We would also use the content in materials that we are creating for K-12 classrooms in partnership with Harvard. Everything we create would be educational and non-commercial.

Thank you for considering this request. I would be very honored to work with you.

Sincerely,

Elisa New
Director and Host of *Poetry in America*
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Importance: High

Dear Jeffrey,

Recently while refurbishing Donald Trump's 757 I worked closely with his Director of Business Development / Special Counsel, Michael Boccio.

Although I have worked with some very intelligent and creative individuals, Michael is a real stand out – he is impressive on many levels.

Someone (or organization) is going to be excited to have someone with Michael's capabilities working for them and thought that you may need someone like Michael on your team or have a friend who may be in search of a dynamic individual with his background and talent.

Please take a moment to read the attached documents to see if Michael is someone you are looking for. If not, I ask that you forward this e-mail to someone you believe would greatly benefit by having Michael work for them.

I know that I always appreciate when a friend refers someone who can be of great help to me – personally or in business.

If you have any questions about working with Michael, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you.

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I have worked under the direct mentorship of Donald J. Trump for the past three years, and as such, understand the time constraints and demands placed on any successful executive. Thank you for taking the time to review my resume.

As a multi-faceted executive and attorney within the Trump Organization, on a daily basis I would take charge of a diversified array of special projects for Mr. Trump. Whether the task involved the acquisition or disposition of assets, such as jets, real estate properties, operating golf courses, or helicopters, Mr. Trump consistently counted on me to determine what was necessary to get the deal done in the quickest time frame and at the best financial deal for him. I am also an elite problem solver – Mr. Trump would regularly call me into his office for my thoughts on the vexing issue of the moment. I have a keen ability to brainstorm potential solutions, ascertain and disclose the risks and execute a plan in a time-efficient manner. In addition to work for the Trump Organization, I have successfully negotiated and executed every product license deal and agreement for the Ivanka Trump brand.

The ongoing business and legal matters that occupied my time included product licensing, entertainment and media, tax strategy, aviation, vendor relationship management, and real estate development. While my resume speaks to the specific responsibilities assigned to me and my accomplishments, it is the aggregate of the diverse tasks that were successfully managed by me that demonstrate the fact that I am a single individual who is willing and capable of successfully moving into any facet of a business as a trusted advisor, deal maker and manager. It is well known that I can negotiate a complex business deal in the boardroom and then paper that deal in my office, which is a unique skill set that I could bring to work for the benefit of you and your company.

Please contact me if you believe there is any opportunity for us to work together.

Sincerely,

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CAREER EXPERIENCE:

- **The Trump Organization (July 2008 - July 2011)**
  Managing Director of Business Development and Special Counsel

  Global Licensing/Brand & Trademark Portfolio Management
  - Managed all aspects of the Global Product Licensing Division and trademark portfolio, as represented by the Donald J. Trump, Ivanka Trump and Melania brands. Responsibilities encompassed the management of a legal team consisting of multiple attorneys, a paralegal and executive assistant responsible for negotiating, drafting and maintenance of all license agreements. Liaised with outside IP counsel and hosted regular strategy meetings to determine the appropriate course of action for trademark filings, policing and office actions.

  Real Estate
  - Managed 75 home site development known as the Estates at Trump National in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Set up the HOA board, was elected as a member of the HOA board, developed and executed the HOA budget, liaised with the California Department of Real Estate and successfully gained approval of the 2010 subdivision report and issuance of a white paper that permitted sales to resume at the site. Hired and managed brokerage team. Developed a revised housing strategy for future development, including adjustment of lot lines and architectural plans to meet the needs of the current market. Managed multiple negotiations and closings of homes and executed a strategy that permitted Trump to retain a $1.5 million dollar deposit for a custom built home in buyer default. Executed the acquisition and closing of previously leased land from the RPV school district, located in the center of the golf course and adjoining the property.
  - Developed a lease form for Trump International Chicago and negotiated leases, amendments and term sheets for the retail space.
  - Worked as part of a team that negotiated the purchase agreements and loan documentation for the purchase of three operating golf courses, as well as managed the diligence process and negotiation of multiple deals that remain in the pipeline or failed to close.
  - Negotiated and drafted multiple comprehensive term sheets and real estate license agreements that were ultimately placed on hold.
  - Acquisition of multiple residential properties.

  Aviation
  - Managed all aspects of the acquisition of a US registered Boeing 757 and the company holding the corresponding part 125 operating certificate, including the tax strategy and intercompany lease filed with the FAA. Negotiated contracts with Boeing, Rolls Royce, Honeywell and other vendors. Worked on a team that managed the complete renovation of the 757 and handled all associated legal work. Managed the disposition of a Bermuda registered Boeing 727 and the acquisition, renovation and subsequent leasing of Sikorsky S-76B, including negotiation of preferential use terms for owner and management of vendor and warranty relationships.

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  - Negotiated book contracts, speech agreements, television contracts, location agreements for multiple movie and television commercials, appearance releases, photography shoots and limited use licenses.

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- **Kaye Scholer LLP (July 2007-July 2008)**
  - Represented institutional lenders in the origination and servicing of portfolio loans. Member of deal team that provided the financing for the sale/leaseback of 388/390 Greenwich Street from Citigroup to SL Green, the second largest NY deal of 2007.
  - Reviewed and abstracted commercial leases and negotiated SNDA's and estoppel certificates in conjunction with loan originations.

- **Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP (March 2007-July 2007)**
    - Represented institutional lenders in the origination of portfolio loans; represented developer/borrower in obtaining construction loan; represented firm clients in the negotiation and execution of multiple office leases.
- **Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP (January 2006-February 2007)**
    - Represented Lehman Brothers in the origination of over $500 million in senior, mezzanine and construction loans tailored for syndication or securitization.
    - Represented Lehman Brothers in the disposition of over $100 million in joint venture portfolio properties. Represented landlords in the sale of commercial and industrial properties.
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- **Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP (August 2001-November 2005)**
    - Represented institutional and individual clients with the acquisition/disposition of commercial and residential properties.
    - Represented one of the largest downtown landlords in the negotiation of leases and lease amendments (6 million total square feet of space in the Hudson Square and Ground Zero vicinity).
    - Performed due diligence on the real estate portfolios of target companies in merger transactions.
    - Represented institutional borrowers and lenders in the origination, negotiation and refinance of senior and mezzanine loans and revolving lines of credit. Represented trust company in origination of loans to high net worth clients.

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- Commercial Law Leasing and Strategy: "Rent Abatement Clauses, Tenants Should Speak Softly, But Draft a Big 'Club'" Volume 20, Number 7 **(December 2007)**

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July 11, 2011

To whom it may concern:

For the past three years, I have enjoyed a daily working relationship with Michael Boccio, having trusted him with many of my personal and business endeavors, in his capacity of Managing Director of Business Development and Special Counsel.

Michael was a person that I would call into my office and could always count on for a smart point of view. Michael is as comfortable in a boardroom negotiating critical business points as he is drafting a complex legal document. He naturally assumed a leadership role in any task that I assigned to him. He has prospered under my mentorship and I relied on him as an asset to every area of my business.

I highly recommend Michael for employment or consideration as a partner in any business venture. He will make any company or individual that may be lucky enough to work alongside him more effective, efficient and profitable.

Sincerely

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SUPREME COURT STRIKES DOWN DOMA

June 27, 2013

Special Report

HIGHLIGHTS

- Supreme Court Rules Against DOMA 5 To 4
- Joint Returns For Same-Sex Married Couples
- Tax Refunds Possible
- "Marriage Penalty" Shared By Same-Sex Couples
- Estate Planning Strategies Change
- Employers Expected To Revise Benefit Plans
- No Nationwide Same-Sex Marriage Mandate

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Post-DOMA Tax Implications Loom Large

In a 5 to 4 decision, the United States Supreme Court has found that Section 3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) violates the equal protection clause of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as applied to persons of the same sex who are legally married under the laws of their state *(Windsor, S.Ct., June 26, 2013, 2013-2 USTC ¶50,400).* The majority, written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, held that DOMA is unconstitutional as a deprivation of the liberty of the person protected by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution.

The decision opens the door for same-sex married couples to enjoy many federal tax-related benefits previously available only to opposite-sex married couples. These include income tax benefits, estate and gift tax benefits, taxpayer-friendly employee benefits, and more. Same-sex couples must now also deal with circumstances under the tax law that may create a so-called "marriage penalty." Employers must prepare for extensive changes in the treatment of same-sex couples. And individuals claiming tax credits and other provisions under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act are impacted by the decision.

IMPACT. *It is unclear how quickly the IRS and other federal agencies will react to the Supreme Court's decision …or how quickly same-sex couples may need to act to protect certain rights. President Obama has directed all federal agencies, including Treasury and the IRS, to revise their regulations to reflect the Supreme Court's decision as soon as possible. Many tax professionals had been advising same-sex couples to file protective refund claims in anticipation of a favorable ruling from the Supreme Court. This is one of several strategies that practitioners and taxpayers should follow up on, as well as filing amended returns before the applicable limitations periods expire on back tax years. The decision to strike down DOMA goes beyond refunds. Same-sex couples need to consider many other tax implications.*

IMPACT. *The Supreme Court did not extend same-sex marriage nationwide; it declined to say whether same-sex couples had a Constitutional right to marriage that would override state law. But the Supreme Court's decision has opened up federal benefits –including those under the Internal Revenue Code-- to same-sex couples considered married under state law. The Windsor decision leaves many additional issues unresolved or unclear. Among them are the status of "domestic partnerships" and "civil unions" under state law in connection with federal benefits, the status of a same-sex couple married in one state but now residing in a state in which same-sex marriage is not recognized, and the ability of married same-sex couples to divorce without first moving back to a state that recognizes same-sex marriage.*

CAUTION. *Immediately after the Windsor decision was released, questions arose regarding the impact of residency upon the recognition of marital status for federal tax purposes. Will same-sex couples duly married in one state who now reside in a state that does not recognize same-sex marriage be entitled to federal benefits, including being able to file jointly under the federal tax laws? …Or will they be required to file as single under federal law as well as state law? While President Obama on June 27 expressed the view that same-sex marriages performed in one state should apply* *to another, he added that "I'm speaking as a president and not as a lawyer."*

ISSUES AT STAKE

In December 2012, the Supreme Court announced that it would take up two cases related to same-sex couples: *Windsor*, which arose out of an estate tax dispute between a surviving partner/spouse and the IRS; and *Hollingsworth v. Perry (CA-9, Feb. 7, 2012)*, which addressed whether the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits California from defining marriage as the union of a man and woman. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in both cases in March 2013.

IRS Denies Estate Tax Marital Deduction. In *Windsor,* a long-time same-sex couple married in Canada in 2007. They had previously registered as domestic partners in New York City, where they made their home. One spouse died in 2009. Because of DOMA, the survivor did not qualify for the unlimited marital deduction under the Internal Revenue Code and as a result, the executor of the estate paid $363,000 in federal estate tax that was not otherwise due. The survivor as executor and sole beneficiary filed a refund claim under Code Sec. 2056(a) (under which property of a surviving spouse generally passes free of federal estate tax). The IRS determined that the survivor was not a spouse under Section 3 of DOMA and, therefore, not a surviving spouse under Code Sec. 2056(a). A federal district court found that Section 3 of DOMA violated the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment because there was no rational basis to support it. The Second Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the lower's court decision, finding that homosexuals are a protected class and that Section 3 of DOMA was not substantially related to an important government interest and violated Equal Protection.

SUPREME COURT'S HOLDINGS

Writing for the majority in *Windsor*, Justice Kennedy found that DOMA had departed from the long standing tradition and history of reliance on state law to define marriage. The State of New York had recognized the validity of same-sex marriages, which resulted in a status that "is a far-reaching legal acknowledgment of the intimate relationship between two people, a relationship deemed by the State worthy of dignity in the community equal with all other marriages," Kennedy wrote. He reasoned that DOMA sought to injure this class of persons whom New York sought to protect, and by doing so violated basic due process and equal protection principles applicable to the federal government and was therefore unconstitutional.

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DOMA's operation in practice, Kennedy continued, was to treat same-sex marriages as second-class marriages for purposes of federal law "by imposing a system-wide enactment with no identified connection to any particular area of federal law." DOMA's principal purpose was to impose inequality, not for other reasons such as governmental efficiency, Kennedy held. Therefore, the majority found DOMA invalid for lack of a legitimate government purpose that could overcome the burden on those within the class whose personhood and dignity New York had sought to protect through its marriage laws.

COMMENT: *The majority opinion listed numerous ways in which DOMA infringed upon the dignity of same-sex couples. Among these is financial harm caused by DOMA to children of same-sex couples by raising the cost of health care for families by taxing health benefits provided by employers to their workers' same-sex spouses. Another example, Kennedy wrote, is that DOMA denies or reduces benefits allowed to families upon the loss of a spouse and parent, benefits that are an integral part of family security.*

COMMENT: *Justice Kennedy qualified the majority's ruling at the end of the decision, stating that its applicability was "confined to those lawful marriages," meaning those recognized by the states that currently allow same-sex marriages. Kennedy observed that Section 2 of DOMA, which allows States to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed under the laws of other States, had not been challenged in Windsor and continues to be the law. On June 26, House Democrats introduced legislation to repeal Section 2 of DOMA.*

California's Proposition 8. On the same day the Supreme Court announced its decision in *Windsor*, the Justices ruled, 5-4 (but with a different mix of Justices for and against), to send *Hollingsworth* back to the California courts rather than to directly decide on the constitutionality of California's ban on same-sex marriage. There, the Supreme Court held that the petitioners did not have the standing to challenge the lower court's decision throwing out Proposition 8, which denied same-sex couples the right to marry in California. This decision paves the way for same-sex marriage to begin again in California sometime in late July.

FEDERAL TAX CONSEQUENCES

Under federal income tax rules, same-sex married couples can now presumably enjoy benefits that had been unavailable to them because of DOMA. On the other hand, certain strategic advantages previously enjoyed by same-sex married couples who filed as single individuals under the federal tax laws, have now likewise ended.

COMMENT. *Aside from the fact that it was a federal tax refund claim in Windsor that triggered the litigation that found itself before the U.S. Supreme Court, the opinion focused on Constitutional rights and privileges, without any technical*

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discussion of the tax law itself. The Court judged DOMA for its impact on "over 1,000 federal statutes and the whole realm of federal regulations." Very little was said specifically about federal tax law beyond that. Nevertheless, the federal tax law is clearly among those "federal statutes and regulations" impacted most directly by the Supreme Court's holding.

IMPACT. *Same-sex couples who were married under state law for years prior to 2013 now need to decide whether to amend those prior-year returns still open under the Code's statute of limitations, to reflect a change from unmarried to married filing status. Same-sex married couples also should consider updating their estate plans, based upon the estate and gift tax impact of Windsor.*

INCOME TAX BENEFITS AND DISADVANTAGES

Because of the Supreme Court's decision, the same tax benefits and disadvantages faced by just-married, opposite-sex couples—in changing from filing as separate, unmarried individuals to filing as married filing jointly (or married filing separately)—are now shared by same-sex married couples. Likewise, however, those same-sex couples not married under state law continue to be subject to the same disadvantages and benefits, and face many of the same strategic decisions, as unmarried heterosexual couples under the federal tax law.

CAUTION. *As mentioned, above, resolution is pending on the issue of whether recognition or non-recognition of a same-sex marriage in the State in which the same-sex couple currently reside controls whether the IRS will treat the couple as married for federal tax purposes. Most federal agencies have defined marriage in the past based on a couple's residency and not where they were married.*

FILING STATUS

A taxpayer's filing status depends in large part—if not exclusively in most cases—on the taxpayer's marital status. Taxpayers may be single, surviving spouse, head of household, married filing joint returns, or married filing separately. Filing status, in turn, determines the right to many tax benefits, both in terms of access and amount. Income tax rate bracket levels, the standard deduction, personal exemptions, and the adjusted gross income (AGI) amounts at which many tax benefits "phaseout" all hinge upon filing status.

Joint Return Status. Because of the Supreme Court's *Windsor* decision, same-sex couples who currently are married under state law are presumably now also barred for federal tax purposes from filing separate returns as unmarried (or as head of household, in most cases); they must file either jointly or married filing separately for 2013 (unless they are divorced or have a final separation agreement in place by the end of 2013). The general rule that has always applied to filing status now presumably applies to same-sex married status as well: an individual's filing status is determined for the entire year based upon marital status on December 31st of that year. The IRS is expected to issue guidance in this area.

IMPACT. *Leading up to the Supreme Court's decision, many same-sex couples filed protective income tax refund claims using married filing jointly status. A protective refund claim is a claim filed to protect the taxpayer's right to a potential refund based on a contingent event for a taxable period for which the period of limitations is about to expire. Now that the Supreme Court's decision is out, full refund claims, rather than protective claims, should be filed going forward.*

COMMENT. *Under current rules, a taxpayer can sign a joint return if his or her spouse is serving in a combat zone. In other limited cases where one spouse cannot sign the joint return, such as because of injury or illness, the other spouse may sign the return and attach a statement explaining why the spouse was unable to sign. Same-sex couples who are married under state law are now presumably allowed these signing benefits.*

COMMENT. *Because same-sex marriage is relatively new, the tax implications of divorce of a same-sex couple are only starting to manifest themselves.*

The Marriage Penalty. Same-sex married couples who have been denied joint return status under the federal tax laws prior to the Supreme Court's *Windsor* decision now need to investigate the effect of joint return status, both for returns that will be filed in the future and for prior year returns still open within the statute of limitations refund-claim period (generally, but not always, three years from filing – *see this Briefing, below, for a discussion of this deadline).*

The benefits of filing a joint return may not always be greater than filing separately as unmarried individuals. Both differences in tax rate bracket amounts and a variety of income floors and thresholds used to determine the right to certain tax breaks come into play in determining whether some same-sex couples were better off, income tax-wise, before the Supreme Court's decision; and what they should do now.

IMPACT. *Individuals in a relationship who are not married and who each realize approximately the same level of*

NO NATIONWIDE EXTENSION OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

The Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of DOMA, which defined marriage as a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife and defined spouse as only a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or wife. The Supreme Court did not strike down Section 2 of DOMA, which provides that no state, territory or possession of the United States shall be required to give effect to any marriage between persons of the same sex under the laws of any other such jurisdiction or to any right or claim arising from such relationship. Section 2 was not challenged and, therefore, was not at issue in *Windsor.*

income and have similar tax deductions (at least in amount) have generally been better off from a tax standpoint filing as unmarried individuals. However, that assessment tilts in favor of marriage and filing a joint return if one partner earns or deducts the greater portion of any otherwise combined amounts.

COMMENT. *Although much press was given to "marriage penalty relief" when the Bush-era tax cuts were permanently extended by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA), such relief in fact only related to equality within the standard deduction amount and the top portion of the 15 percent income tax bracket. Other "marriage penalties" continue to exist within the tax law depending upon circumstances. For example, the 33 percent tax bracket for joint filers in 2013 starts at $223,050 taxable income, while the 33 percent bracket for single taxpayers starts at $183,250. If there were no marriage penalty imposed on higher-income individuals earning similar amounts, the 33 percent bracket for joint filers would not start until reaching the $366,500 level, or double that set under the Internal Revenue Code for single filers.*

Married Filing Separately. If same-sex married couples post-*Windsor* want to keep their finances (and liabilities) separate for the purpose of filing separate returns, they will generally—but not always—pay more federal income tax. The rate brackets for "married filing separately" are higher than "unmarried, not surviving spouse or head of household."

Innocent Spouse Status. Married taxpayers who file joint returns are jointly and severally responsible for the tax and any interest or penalty due on the joint return. In some cases, a spouse will be relieved of this shared liability for tax owed on a joint tax return. Three types of relief are available: general innocent spouse relief; separate liability relief; and equitable relief.

IMPACT. *Because of the Supreme Court's decision, the three types of innocent spouse relief are now presumably available to same-sex married couples. Same-sex married partners cannot turn a blind eye to any item that is listed on a joint return. A decision to file joint returns retroactively for prior tax years as the result of the Supreme Court's decision, therefore, should include consideration of the joint and several liability that would be triggered. Separate return status would eliminate the issue of joint liability entirely. The IRS is expected to issue guidance in this area.*

Surviving Spouse Claims. A surviving spouse computes tax using the same rate brackets as married couples filing joint returns. Rules for surviving spouse status for same-sex married couples now presumably follow the same rules as for opposite-sex couples. If a taxpayer is a surviving spouse, the year the spouse died is the last year for which the taxpayer can file a joint return with that spouse. A taxpayer can also qualify as surviving spouse for two tax years following the year in which his or her spouse dies if the taxpayer maintains a household for certain dependents (a child, adopted child, foster child, or stepchild), has not remarried, and filed or could have filed a joint return with the spouse for the year in which his or her spouse died.

FILING STATUS, AGI FLOORS AND THRESHOLD AMOUNTS

The amounts of income and deductions reported on a return are used by the IRS in determining whether certain threshold levels and floors are reached. Those amounts in turn determine access to a variety of tax benefits. Some of these floors or threshold amounts are applied to all filing statuses uniformly; others vary depending upon filing status.

IMPACT. *Depending upon adjusted gross income (AGI) and other levels reported on a return, combining the income and deductions of each same-sex partner under a single joint return may or may not work to the advantage of the couple as a unit, in contrast to filing as unmarried or married filing separately.*

Floors. Tax benefits dependent upon floor levels of adjusted gross income (AGI) or modified AGI (MAGI) set forth under the Internal Revenue Code include the following itemized deduction categories, among others:

- Medical expense deduction floor (10 percent AGI (temporarily at 7.5 percent for taxpayers over age 65));
- Casualty loss deduction floor (10 percent AGI); and
- Miscellaneous items deduction floor (2 percent AGI).

COMMENT. *In the case of married individuals who file separate returns, if one spouse itemizes deductions on his or her return, the other spouse must also do so irrespective of whether his or her standard deduction would be larger. This rule does not apply to unmarried couples who file separate returns.*

Ceilings. Use of excess capital losses to offset ordinary income is generally limited to $3,000 per return, whether on a joint return or an unmarried single return. Taxpayers who are married filing separately, however, are allowed only a $1,500 maximum capital loss deduction; the balance in all cases may be carried forward into the next tax year.

Thresholds. For some taxpayers, AGI above designated thresholds reduces certain tax benefits. A reduction in itemized deductions and a reduction in personal exemptions are the most common among higher-income individuals. For example:

- ***Itemized deductions*** otherwise allowed must be reduced by the lesser of (1) three percent of AGI that exceeded a threshold amount *(see chart, below)* adjusted annually for inflation, or (2) 80 percent of the total amount of otherwise allowable itemized deductions. No reduction is required in the case of deductions for medical expenses, investment interest, and casualty, theft or wagering losses.
- ***Personal exemptions,*** likewise, are required to be reduced where AGI exceeds a specified threshold amount: by two percent for each $2,500 (or fraction thereof) by which AGI

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exceeds the applicable threshold amount *(see chart, below)* for the year ($1,250 for married persons filing separately).

Net Capital Gains/ Net Investment Income. AGI thresholds are also used in taxing investment-type income:

- ***Net Capital Gains*** are taxed at the 20 percent maximum rate at levels beyond which income would otherwise be pushed into the 39.6 percent bracket (for 2013, that applicable threshold amount is $450,000 AGI for married individuals filing joint returns and surviving spouses, $425,000 for heads of households, $400,000 for single individuals, and $225,000 for married individuals filing separate returns. (The "regular" 15 percent capital gains rate is likewise reduced to zero percent for taxpayers in the 10 percent bracket—a benefit that can be used by same-sex couples where one partner has very little income).
- ***Net Investment Income,*** as defined under new Code Section 1411, is taxed starting in 2013 at 3.8 percent, keyed to a modified AGI threshold based on filing status ($250,000 for joint filers; $125,000 for married, filing separately; and $200,000 for all others).

Deduction/Credit Thresholds. Thresholds are also commonly used to restrict deductions, credits and other benefits based upon adjusted gross income and filing status:

2013 AGI (MAGI) PHASEOUT THRESHOLD START POINTS

	Joint Return	Single	Married Filing Separately
Itemized Deductions:	$300,000	$250,000	$150,000
Personal Exemptions:	$300,000	$250,000	$150,000
Maximum Net Capital Gains:	$450,000	$400,000	$225,000
Net Investment Income Surtax:	$250,000	$200,000	$125,000
Additional Medicare Tax:	$250,000	$200,000	$125,000
Child Tax Credit:	$110,000	$75,000	$55,000
American Opportunity Credit:	$160,000	$80,000	$0
Lifetime Learning Credit:	$107,000	$53,000	$0
IRA Deduction (plan participants):	$95,000	$59,000	*
Roth IRA Eligibility:	$178,000	$112,000	**

*Deduction determined under single status if not living with spouse at anytime during tax year; otherwise partial deduction if MAGI is less than $10,000 and no deduction if MAGI is $10,000 or more

**$10,000 if lived with spouse at anytime during tax year; $112,000 if did not live with spouse at anytime during tax year

IMPACT. *In dealing with threshold amounts, a benefits/drawbacks analysis generally depends upon the extent to which that portion of any tax benefit below a threshold amount would otherwise go unused by one of the partners if filing separately. With certain deductions, credits or contribution levels, however, electing "married filing separately" status may relegate each spouse to $0 benefit depending upon circumstances.*

OTHER SAME-SEX COUPLE INCOME TAX ISSUES

Being married for federal tax purposes—exclusive of the right to any particular filing status—can also give rise to additional tax benefits and restrictions. The following situations may be particularly relevant in the case of married same-sex couples after the Supreme Court's *Windsor* decision:

Dependency Exemptions. In 2012, the IRS explained on its website that if a child is a qualifying child under Code Sec. 152(c) and both parents are same-sex partners, either parent, but not both, may claim a dependency deduction for the qualifying child if separate returns are filed. If both parents can otherwise claim a dependency deduction for the child on their income tax returns, the IRS will treat the child as the qualifying child of the parent with whom the child resides for the longer period of time. If the child resides with each parent for the same amount of time during the tax year, the IRS will treat the child as the qualifying child of the parent with the higher adjusted gross income.

> "Same-sex couples may find that the benefits of filing a joint return may not always be greater than filing separately…"

COMMENT. *The Supreme Court decision will presumably trigger tie-breaker rules and divorce settlement agreements previously available only to opposite-sex married couples.*

Education Benefits. Access to a number of education tax credits by same-sex couples has been limited, both because of a student's status as a member or non-member of the taxpayer's family and because lower phase-out levels that apply to unmarried filers.

- ***AOTC and Lifetime Learning Credit:*** A taxpayer can claim the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) or the Lifetime Learning Credit for qualified expenses paid by the taxpayer for the education of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or the taxpayer's claimed dependent for the tax year for which the credit is claimed. Because of DOMA, a taxpayer could not claim the AOTC or Lifetime Learning Credit for qualified expenses paid by his or her same-sex spouse.
- ***Coverdell Education Savings Accounts.*** A Coverdell Education Savings Account (ESA) is a savings vehicle similar to an individual retirement account (IRA). If a Coverdell ESA is transferred to a surviving spouse as the result of the beneficiary's death, the Coverdell ESA retains its status and the spouse may treat the account as his or her own and need not withdraw the assets as a result of the transfer. Because of DOMA, this treatment had been unavailable to the surviving spouse of a same-sex married couple.
- ***IRA Withdrawals For Education.*** Taxpayers who own IRAs (traditional, Roth, SEP IRAs and SIMPLE IRAs) can make penalty-free withdrawals to pay higher education expenses to the extent the distribution does not exceed the qualified higher education expenses of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's spouse, or the child or grandchild of the taxpayer or the taxpayer's spouse. Once again, because of DOMA, this treatment had been unavailable to the surviving spouse of a same-sex married couple.

Post-Death IRA Payments. When a surviving spouse is the beneficiary of an individual retirement account (IRA) he or she has certain options not granted to other beneficiaries, including the ability to rollover the decedent's IRA, tax free, to another retirement plan. And, if the surviving spouse is the sole beneficiary, he or she can elect to treat the IRA as if it were his or her own. These options may allow the survivor to delay the start of required minimum distributions (RMDs) from the account and to stretch out the payment of RMDs over a longer period of time. DOMA had foreclosed these more favorable spousal benefits for same-sex married spouses. The Supreme Court's decision in *Windsor* presumably opens up these distribution benefits to same-sex spouses.

> "In the case of family attribution rules, it is unclear whether application of marital status for same-sex spouses relates back to transactions already completed."

Family Stock Attribution Rules. Code Sec. 267 contains attribution rules designed to prevent related taxpayers (including "spouses" under Sec. 267(c)(4)) from recognizing losses and other tax benefits otherwise allowed in a variety of transactions. For example, an individual is treated under Code Sec. 318(a)(1) as constructively owning stock owned directly or indirectly by his or her spouse (unless legally separated), children, grandchildren, or parents. Stock attribution rules under Code Sec. 318 apply when determining whether a redemption of stock is treated as a sale or exchange or as a dividend. Likewise, prohibited transactions involving pension plans under Code Sec. 4975 are defined, in part, upon dealing with certain persons, including spouses of those persons.

IMPACT. *The Supreme Court's grant of federal marital status to same-sex married persons is apparently not only prospective starting June 26, 2013, the date of the Windsor decision, but also presumably applies retroactively to all open years. Nevertheless, in the case of attribution rules, application of marital status for same-sex spouses may not necessarily relate back to transactions already completed. The need under the tax laws to have finality for transactions as they occur appears to be the overriding argument in favor of not giving retroactive effect to family attribution. Eventual IRS guidance on this issue is anticipated.*

Resident And Non-Resident Aliens. Presumably, the Supreme Court's decision applies to same-sex resident or nonresident aliens to the extent they are considered married under the law of a foreign jurisdiction. Further clarification of the application of the Supreme Court's *Windsor* decision to these taxpayers may be needed.

ESTATE AND GIFT TAXATION

The *Windsor* case, as discussed above in this Briefing, involved the estate tax marital deduction. The marital deduction is a key planning tool to defer transfer taxes until the surviving spouse dies. Because of DOMA, same-sex married couples could not take advantage of the estate tax marital deduction and other provisions, such as portability. DOMA also precluded same-sex married couples from the benefits of special rules for gifts between spouses and from spouses.

Marital Deduction. Code Sec. 2056 provides an unlimited deduction from the gross estate for property passing from a decedent to a surviving spouse. Generally, the decedent must be survived by his or her spouse who is a U.S. citizen at the time of the decedent's death, the property interest must have passed from the decedent to the spouse, and the property interest must be a deductible interest. Additionally, the property's value must be ascertainable.

IMPACT. *The relatively high $5.25 million estate tax exclusion for 2013 for all estates makes addition of a marital* *deduction unnecessary in the majority of cases. However, as Windsor showed, it is a valuable tax benefit for larger estates. Many same-sex married couples may find it valuable to revisit their estate plans to make certain that interests passing to the other spouse qualify for the marital deduction and other tax benefits.*

Portability. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extended permanently the concept of portability, which generally allows the estate of a surviving spouse to utilize the unused portion of the estate tax applicable exclusion amount of his or her last predeceased spouse. Because of DOMA, only opposite-sex married couples could take advantage of portability.

IMPACT. *The Supreme Court's decision presumably enables same-sex married couples to take advantage of portability as part of their estate planning. The IRS is expected to issue guidance.*

Gifts. Because of DOMA, only opposite-sex married couples were allowed to "split" gifts to take advantage of a doubled annual gift tax exclusion ($14,000 for 2013, for a total tax-free gift of $28,000). DOMA presented even more of a disadvantage for same-sex married couples in that only transfers between spouses, where both individuals are U.S. citizens, are allowed an unlimited gift tax exclusion under Code Sec. 2523.

IMPACT. *Same-sex married couples can now presumably transfer assets between themselves with no concern of lifetime gift tax consequences. This creates considerably greater flexibility for estate planning. The IRS is expected to issue guidance.*

COMMENT. *Gifts to cover medical and education expenses for an individual, if paid directly to the medical or education provider, are gift tax free without limit and are not counted against the annual $14,000 exclusion for any individual.*

COMMENT. *Where one spouse is not a U.S. citizen, the annual exclusion from gift taxes for gifts made to the noncitizen spouse is $143,000 for 2013.*

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Perhaps in no area outside of income taxes is the impact of the Supreme Court's decision more expansive than on employee benefits. Because of DOMA, employers that allow an employee to add his or her same-sex spouse to their health plan had to impute income to the employee for federal income tax purposes equal to the fair market value of health coverage provided to the same-sex spouse. If the same-sex spouse qualified as a dependent, this rule did not apply. DOMA also precluded same-sex married couples from sharing the same benefits of health flexible spending accounts, health savings accounts and health reimbursement arrangements available to opposite-sex married couples.

IMPACT. *Employers in states that allow same-sex marriage will presumably need to amend plans to cover same-sex married spouses. The IRS is expected to provide guidance on the timing of plan amendments, including the issue of whether benefits need to be made retroactive or only prospective from the date of the Windsor decision.*

Domestic Partners. Many employee benefit plans in the private and public sectors refer to domestic partners rather than same-sex spouses. The definition of domestic partner varies. In some cases, it may encompass opposite-sex domestic partners as well as same-sex domestic partners.

COMMENT. *The federal government's Office of Personnel Management defines domestic partner for purposes of federal employee benefits as a committed relationship between two adults, of the same sex.*

Tax Treatment. Domestic partners who are not married under state law are not treated as spouses for federal income tax purposes. As a result, an employee must continue to pay taxes on the fair market value of the coverage for the employee's domestic partner (whether the domestic partner is a same-sex partner or an opposite-sex partner). However, domestic partner benefits are tax-free if the employee's partner qualifies as a dependent under Code Sec. 152; that is, if benefits are paid for a person who meets the following requirements:

- Receives more than half of his or her support from the taxpayer for the year.
- Uses the taxpayer's home as the principal abode and is a member of the taxpayer's household during the entire tax year.
- Is in a relationship with the taxpayer that is not a violation of local law.

IMPACT. *The Supreme Court's decision may open the window to refunds of taxes paid by employees on income imputed to employees for same-sex married spouse and refunds of payroll taxes paid by employers on that income. FICA tax refund claims by employers and employees for prior, open years may also be possible.*

COMMENT. *Some employers have attempted to equalize the treatment between opposite-sex couples and same-sex couples by providing so-called gross-ups to cover the additional taxes that same-sex couples pay on health benefits. Many employers require an employee to certify that a domestic partner qualifies as a dependent under Code Sec. 152.*

Cafeteria Plans. Employer contributions to a cafeteria plan are usually made under a salary reduction agreement between the employer and the employee in which the employee agrees to contribute a portion of his or her salary on a pre-tax basis to pay for the qualified benefits. Salary reduction contributions are not actually or constructively received by the participant. Therefore, those contributions are not considered wages for federal income tax purposes. In addition, those sums generally are not subject to FICA and FUTA taxes. However, pre-tax dollars could not be used to pay for coverage of a same-sex spouse because of DOMA. This now should change as a result of the Court's decision.

Health Flexible Spending Accounts. A health flexible spending arrangement (FSA) is a form of cafeteria plan benefit, funded by a voluntary salary reduction arrangement with pretax dollars. The benefits are subject to an annual maximum and an annual "use-or-lose" rule. Qualified medical expenses are those incurred by, among other individuals, the employee and his or her opposite-sex spouse. Because of DOMA, only opposite-sex married couples could use health FSA dollars for a spouse's qualified medical expenses.

> **IMPACT.** *The Supreme Court's decision to strike down DOMA presumably opens the door to same-sex married couples being able to use FSA dollars for qualified medical expenses of both spouses. The IRS is expected to issue guidance.*

> **COMMENT.** *A cafeteria plan may not allow an employee to request salary reduction contributions for a health FSA in excess of $2,500 for plan years beginning after December 31, 2012.*

Health Savings Accounts. A health savings account (HSA) is a vehicle that eligible taxpayers can use to pay for or reimburse qualified medical expenses. Contributions to an HSA are tax-deductible (employer contributions are excluded from gross income) and distributions are tax-free if used to pay for qualified medical expenses. To be an eligible taxpayer, the individual, among other requirements, must be covered by a high-deductible health plan (HDHP), not enrolled in Medicare, not claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return. Qualified medical expenses are those incurred by, among others, the taxpayer and his or her spouse. Because of DOMA, only opposite-sex married couples could HSA dollars for a spouse's qualified medical expenses.

> **IMPACT.** *With DOMA being struck down by the Supreme Court, same-sex married couples will presumably be able to use HSA dollars for qualified medical expenses of both spouses.*

COBRA/FMLA. Federal law requires that certain employers offer continuation of health care coverage to employees, their spouses, and families ("COBRA coverage'). Current federal laws related to COBRA coverage do not apply to same-sex married couples. The DOMA definition of spouse precludes the extension of Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) leave benefits to opposite-sex partners. After the Supreme Court's decision in *Windsor*, these rights presumably would now be available to same-sex spouses.

> "The IRS is expected to provide guidance on the timing of employee benefit plan amendments, including the issue of whether benefits need to be made retroactive or only prospective."

Retirement Plans. The Internal Revenue Code provides extensive protections for the spouse of an employee to share in the employee's retirement benefits payable through Code Sec. 401(k) plans and other qualified plans. These protections would presumably now apply to the same-sex spouse of an employee.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Obama in 2010, set in motion a host of changes to the delivery of health care and health insurance coverage. Some of the changes already in place affect health savings accounts (discussed above in this Briefing). Other changes are scheduled to take effect after 2013.

Individual Mandate And Penalty. Beginning in 2014, the Affordable Care Act imposes a penalty on individuals who do not carry minimum essential health coverage for one or more months, subject to certain exceptions. Married taxpayers who file a joint return are jointly liable for any penalty that may be imposed upon either spouse. The penalty does not apply in certain cases, such as in the case of individuals whose household incomes are below their filing thresholds. Now that DOMA has been struck down, same-sex married couples presumably will be treated in the same manner as opposite-sex married couples for purposes of the individual mandate and its penalty.

> **COMMENT.** *The Affordable Care Act prohibits the IRS from using liens or levies to collect any unpaid penalty. The IRS cannot levy on the property of one spouse to satisfy an unpaid penalty of the other spouse.*

Premium Assistance Tax Credit. Beginning in 2014, the Code Sec. 36B premium assistance tax credit is scheduled to be available to those qualified individuals and families who are not offered minimum essential coverage and as a result obtain coverage through a health benefit exchange. The Affordable Care Act provides for advance payment of the credit. Taxpayers who are married at the end of the tax year must file a joint return to claim the credit. Because DOMA has been struck down, same-sex married couples will presumably need to file a joint return to claim the credit.

Code Sec. 45R Credit. For tax years 2010 through 2013, eligible employers may claim a credit of 35 percent of health insurance premiums paid (25 percent for small tax-exempt employers). In tax years beginning after 2013, an employer must participate in an insurance exchange in order to claim the credit. The credit is scheduled to increase to 50 percent for small business employers (35 percent for small tax-exempt employers) after 2013 (but will terminate after 2015). Certain family members are not treated as employees for purposes of the credit. Under DOMA, these restrictions did not apply to same-sex married couples because their marriages were not recognized for federal purposes. With DOMA's demise, a same-sex spouse who satisfies any of these criteria would presumably not be treated as an employee for purposes of the credit.

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SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Because of DOMA, same-sex married couples did not have the same benefits under Social Security that opposite-sex married couples have enjoyed for many years. Unlike opposite-sex couples, for example, there are no survivor benefits for the surviving spouse of a same-sex married couple. Also, the divorced spouse of a formerly married same-sex couple cannot not claim benefits based on the earnings of his or her ex-spouse.

> **IMPACT.** *The Social Security Administration (SSA) has based federal rights to benefits on whether marital rights exist in the couple's current state of residence rather than the state in which they were married. The impact of Windsor on the manner in which federal agencies will treat Social Security benefits remains to be sorted out.*

Survivor Benefits. When an individual dies, his or her surviving spouse may be eligible for Social Security benefits if the surviving spouse is age 60 or older, age 50 or older and disabled, or any age if he or she is caring for the decedent's child who is younger than age 16 or disabled and entitled to Social Security benefits on the record of the deceased individual. With DOMA having been struck down, survivor benefits previously available only to opposite-sex married couples are now presumably available to same-sex married couples. The SSA is expected to provide guidance.

Divorced Spouses. If an individual is divorced, his or her ex-spouse may qualify for Social Security benefits based on that individual's earnings. Generally, a divorced spouse must have been married to the individual for at least 10 years and have been divorced at least two years. Additionally, the divorced spouse must be at least age 62, unmarried and ineligible for an equal or greater benefit based on his or her own earnings or the earnings of someone else. These benefits are now presumably available to divorced individuals who were previously in a same-sex marriage. The SSA is expected to provide guidance.

Death Benefits. The SSA pays a one-time death benefit of $255 to the decedent's surviving spouse in an opposite-sex marriage or minor child. The SSA will presumably now pay the one-time death benefit to the surviving spouse in a same-sex marriage.

EFFECTIVE-DATE ISSUES

Determination of the effective date for applying the Supreme Court's holding to federal tax law is not straightforward in all cases and will necessitate further guidance from the IRS. Same-sex married couples who were not considered married under federal law prior to the Supreme Court decision are presumably not just considered married starting on the date of the Supreme Court's decision, June 26, 2013 but are considered married retroactively to the date of their marriage pursuant to state law. This retroactive effective date raises a number of immediate federal tax issues:

- Should same-sex couples now file amended returns claiming joint return status?
- Are same-sex couples now required to amend past-year returns for joint status even if they did better tax-wise overall by filing separately as unmarried individuals?
- Will the IRS consider the Supreme Court's decision in determining marital status when auditing prior-year returns?

Amended Joint Returns/Claims For Refund. Amended returns are filed to correct errors made on previous returns. Although the Internal Revenue Code does not specifically permit amended returns, the IRS usually accepts them. But while the IRS's discretion to accept or reject amended returns has been recognized, courts have required the IRS to accept amended returns where its rejection of them has been found to be arbitrary and unjust.

Limitations Period. The statute of limitations for amending or auditing a return is generally three years from the filing date or two years from the date taxes are paid, whichever is later. This rule may generally apply for same-sex married couples as follows:

STATES THAT RECOGNIZE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

Connecticut
Delaware(1)
Iowa
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Minnesota(2)
New Hampshire
New York
Rhode Island(2)
Vermont
Washington
District of Columbia
***As of June 27, 2013**
(1) *Effective July 1, 2013*
(2) *Effective August 1, 2013*

Note: *California granted marriage licenses to same-sex couples from June 16, 2008 to November 5, 2008.*

Note: *The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in Michigan, the Coquille Native American Nation in Oregon and the Suquamish Native American Nation in Washington recognize same-sex marriage.*

Note*: 37 States have laws expressly restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples.*

STATES THAT RECOGNIZE SAME-SEX UNIONS/DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

California
Colorado
Hawaii
Illinois
Nevada
New Jersey
Oregon
Wisconsin

- Joint returns may be filed, usually as an amended return with a refund claim, until the three-year limitations period (or the two-year payment period, if later) expires. For individuals who filed 2009 tax returns on or before April 15, 2010, the limitations period for that year is closed. For those who filed their 2009 returns on an automatic six-month extension on October 15, 2010, however, the limitations period for the 2009 tax year remains open until October 15, 2013. To claim joint return status on an amended 2009 tax return under the three-year rule, both married partners' original tax returns must have been filed within that extended period.
- Taxpayers who filed protective refund claims prior to the Supreme Court's decision should be on the alert to any forthcoming IRS guidelines that may facilitate the agency's processing of those claims.
- Taxpayers who had a lower combined overall tax liability filing as unmarried single individuals during an open year appear to be under no obligation now to file an amended return to file jointly (or as married filing separately if at least one partner does not consent to a joint return).

IRS Audit Policy. Technically, the IRS, on audit of an open year for which any previously-filed return by a married, same-sex partner used unmarried, single-filer status, may be able to require that tax be recomputed based on either a joint return, or married filing separately status return. However, since audits are under IRS's discretionary powers, the consensus among at least some practitioners, is that IRS National Office may –and more likely will— direct agents to by-pass any filing-status issues unless the taxpayer requests a change.

2013 Tax Year. For 2013 returns that will be filed in 2014, the Supreme Court's *Windsor* decision presumably relates back to the entire 2013 tax year in determining filing status.

COMMENT. *Married partners do not have the option to file short-year returns as unmarried for the January 1 – June 26, 2013 period; they must file jointly or married filing separately for the entire 2013 tax year.*

2012 Tax Year. Taxpayers who are on extension until October 15, 2013 for filing their 2012 tax year returns appear to be required to file those returns either jointly or married filing separately. Taxpayers who filed their 2012 tax year returns before June 26, 2013, as separate, unmarried individuals, however, may not need to change their filing status to married filing joint if it would be less favorable to their overall tax liability. The IRS may issue guidance on this issue.

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Re: Edwards, Bradley adv. Epstein
Our File No.: 291874

Dear Mr. Capp:

Despite the total absence of competent evidence to demonstrate that Bradley Edwards participated in any fraud against Jeffrey Epstein, and in the face of uncontrovertible evidence demonstrating the propriety of every aspect of Edwards' involvement in the prosecution of legitimate claims against Epstein, Epstein sued Bradley Edwards. Epstein sexually abused three clients of Edwards – L.M., E.W., and Jane Doe – and Edwards properly and successfully represented them in a civil action against Epstein. Nothing in Edwards's capable and competent representation of his clients provided any basis for a civil lawsuit against him, but the facts did not deter Epstein from engaging in what was a blatant effort to extort Bradley Edwards, utilizing the nearly limitless resources of a vengeful opponent. The extortion failed but the vengeful assault by Epstein continues.

Epstein's action against Edwards essentially alleged that Epstein was damaged by Edwards, acting in concert with Scott Rothstein (President of the Rothstein Rosenfeldt Adler law firm ("RRA") where Edwards worked for a short period of time). Epstein alleged that Edwards joined Rothstein in the abusive prosecution of sexual assault cases against Epstein to "pump" the cases to Ponzi scheme investors. As described by Epstein, investor victims were told by Rothstein that three minor girls who were sexually assaulted by Epstein: L.M., E.W., and Jane Doe were to be paid up-front money to prevent those girls from settling their civil cases against Epstein. In Epstein's view, these child sexual assault cases had "minimal value" (Complaint &

42(h)), and Edwards's refusal to force his clients to accept modest settlement offers was claimed to breach some duty that Edwards owed to Epstein. Interestingly, Epstein never states that he actually made any settlement offers. Even more interestingly, Epstein was never able to explain how a scheme to defraud third party investors ever caused any legally cognizable damage to Epstein himself.

The supposed "proof" of the Complaint's allegations against Edwards included Edwards's alleged contacts with the media, his attempts to obtain discovery from high-profile persons with whom Epstein socialized, and use of "ridiculously inflammatory" language in arguments in court. Remarkably, Epstein filed such allegations against Edwards despite the fact that Epstein had sexually abused each of Edwards's clients and others while they were minors. Indeed, in discovery Epstein has asserted his Fifth Amendment privilege rather than answer questions about the extent of the sexual abuse of his many victims. Even more remarkably, after filing his suit against Edwards, Epstein settled the three cases Edwards handled for an amount that Epstein insisted be kept confidential. Without violating the strict confidentiality terms required by Epstein, the cases did not settle for the "minimal value" that Epstein suggested in his Complaint.

Because Epstein elected to hide behind the shield of his right against self incrimination to preclude his disclosing any relevant information about the criminal activity at the center of his claims, he was barred from prosecuting his case against Edwards. Under the well-established "sword and shield" doctrine, Epstein could not seek damages from Edwards while at the same time asserting a Fifth Amendment privilege to block relevant discovery. Here, Epstein tried to do precisely what the "well settled" law forbids. Specifically, he tried to obtain "affirmative relief" – i.e., forcing Edwards to pay money damages – while simultaneously precluding Edwards from obtaining legitimate discovery at the heart of the allegations that form the basis for the relief Epstein was seeking. As recounted more fully in the statement of undisputed facts filed in support of Edwards' Motion for Summary Judgment, Epstein has refused to answer such basic questions about his lawsuit as:

- "Specifically what are the allegations against you which you contend Mr. Edwards ginned up?"
- "Well, which of Mr. Edwards' cases do you contend were fabricated?"
- "Is there anything in L.M.'s Complaint that was filed against you in September of 2008 which you contend to be false?"
- "I would like to know whether you ever had any physical contact with the person referred to as Jane Doe in that [federal] complaint?"

- "Did you ever have any physical contact with E.W.?"
- "What is the actual value that you contend the claim of E.W. against you has?"

The matters addressed in these questions were the central focus of Epstein's claims against Edwards. Epstein's refusal to answer these and literally every other substantive question put to him in discovery deprived Edwards of even a basic understanding of the evidence alleged to support claims against him and substantiated Edwards' position that no such evidence ever existed. Epstein's case was doomed to fail on the basis of the "sword and shield" doctrine alone. But other grounds were equally and independently fatal to Epstein's attempt to use the legal system to scare Edwards into submission.

All of Edwards' conduct in the prosecution of valid claims against Epstein was protected by the absolute bar of the litigation privilege.

And most fundamentally, Epstein's claims against Edwards were not only unsupported by but also directly contradicted by all of the record evidence. From the beginning, Edwards diligently represented three victims of sexual assaults perpetrated by Epstein. Each and every one of Edwards's litigation decisions was grounded in proper litigation judgment about the need to pursue effective discovery against Epstein, particularly in the face of Epstein's stonewalling tactics. Edwards's successful representation finally forced Epstein to settle and pay appropriate damages. Effective and proper representation of child victims who have been repeatedly sexually assaulted cannot form the basis of a separate, "satellite" lawsuit, and therefore Edwards was entitled to summary judgment on those grounds as well.

Facing these insurmountable obstacles, on the eve of the scheduled hearing on Edwards' Motion for Summary Judgment, Epstein dismissed all of his claims against Edwards.

Put simply, Epstein made allegations that he knew were baseless, that he never intended to try to support, and that were precluded as a matter of well-established law. His lawsuit was merely a desperate measure by a serial pedophile to prevent being held accountable for repeatedly sexually abusing minor females. Epstein's ulterior motives in filing and prosecuting his lawsuit are blatantly obvious. Epstein's behavior is another clear demonstration that he feels he lives above the law and that because of his wealth he can manipulate the system and pay for lawyers to do his dirty work - even to the extent of having them assert baseless claims against other members of the Florida Bar. Epstein's Complaint against Edwards was nothing short of a far-fetched, fictional fairy-tale with absolutely no evidence whatsoever to support his preposterous claims. It was his last ditch effort to escape the public disclosure by Edwards and his clients of the nature, extent, and sordid details of Epstein's life as a serial child molester.

The bulk of Epstein's claims against Edwards hinge on the premise that Edwards was involved in a Ponzi scheme run by Scott Rothstein. Broad allegations of wrongdoing on the part of Edwards were scattered willy-nilly throughout the complaint. None of the allegations provided any substance as to how Edwards actually assisted the Ponzi scheme, and allegations that he "knew or should have known" of its existence all failed for one straightforward reason: Edwards was simply not involved in any Ponzi scheme. He provided sworn testimony and an affidavit in support of that assertion, and there was not (and could never be) any contrary evidence.

Edwards was deposed at length in this case. As his deposition makes crystal clear, he had no knowledge of any fraudulent activity in which Scott Rothstein may have been involved. See, e.g., Edwards Depo. at 301-02 (Q: " . . . [W]ere you aware that Scott Rothstein was trying to market Epstein cases . . . ?" A: "No.").

Edwards supplemented his deposition answers with an extremely detailed Affidavit that declared in no uncertain terms his lack of involvement in any fraud perpetrated by Rothstein. In view of this clear evidence rebutting all allegations against him, Epstein was required to "produce counter-evidence establishing a genuine issue of material fact." Epstein could not meet this obligation. Indeed, when asked at his deposition whether he had any evidence of Edwards's involvement, Epstein declined to answer, purportedly on attorney-client privilege grounds:

> Q. I want to know whether you have any knowledge of evidence that Bradley Edwards personally ever participated in devising a plan through which were sold purported confidential assignments of a structured payout settlement? . . .
> A. I'd like to answer that question by saying that the newspapers have reported that his firm was engaged in fraudulent structured settlements in order to fleece unsuspecting Florida investors. With respect to my personal knowledge, I'm unfortunately going to, today, but I look forward to at some point being able to disclose it, today I'm going to have to assert the attorney/client privilege.

Epstein alleged that Edwards somehow improperly enhanced the value of the three civil cases he had filed against Epstein. Edwards represented three young women – L.M., E.W., and Jane Doe – by filing civil suits against Epstein for his sexual abuse of them while they were minors. Epstein purported to find a cause of action for this by alleging that Edwards somehow was involved in "'pumping' these three cases to investors." Edwards could not have possibly "pumped" the cases to investors when he never participated in any communication with investors. However, Epstein's "pumping" claims fail for an even more basic reason: Edwards was entitled – indeed ethically obligated as an attorney – to secure the maximum recovery for his clients during the course of his legal representation. As is well known, "[a]s an advocate, a lawyer zealously asserts the client's position under the rules of the adversary system." Fla. Rules of Prof. Conduct, Preamble. Edwards therefore was required to pursue (unless otherwise instructed by his clients) a maximum recovery against Epstein. Edwards, therefore, could never be liable for doing something that his ethical duties as an attorney required. In a further effort to harass Edwards, Epstein also filed a bar complaint with the Florida Bar against Edwards. The Florida Bar dismissed the complaint.

Another reason that Epstein's claims that Edwards was "pumping" cases for investors fails is that Edwards filed all three cases almost a year before he was hired by RRA or even knew of Scott Rothstein. Epstein makes allegations that the complaints contained sensational allegations for the purposes of luring investors; however, language in the complaints remained virtually unchanged from the first filing in 2008 and overwhelming evidence supports the conclusion that all of the facts alleged by Edwards in the complaints were true.

Epstein ultimately paid to settle all three of the cases Edwards filed against him for more money than he paid to settle any of the other claims against him. At Epstein's request, the terms of the settlement were kept confidential. Epstein chose to make this payment as the result of a federal court ordered mediation process, which he himself sought (over the objection of Jane Doe, Edwards' client in federal court) in an effort to resolve the case. Notably, Epstein sought this settlement conference – and ultimately made his payments as a result of that conference - in July 2010, more than seven months after he filed this lawsuit against Edwards. Accordingly, Epstein could not have been the victim of any scheme to "pump" the cases against him, because he never paid to settle the cases until well after Edwards had left RRA, after Edwards had severed all connection with Scott Rothstein (December 2009), and well after the details of Rothstein's Ponzi scheme had been widely publicized.

In addition, if Epstein had thought that there was some improper coercion involved in, for example, Jane Doe's case, his remedy was to raise the matter before Federal District Court Judge Kenneth A. Marra who was presiding over the matter. Far from raising any such claim, Epstein simply chose to settle that case. He was therefore barred by the doctrine of res judicata from somehow re-litigating what happened in (for example) the Jane Doe case. The doctrine of res judicata makes a judgment on the merits conclusive 'not only as to every matter which was offered and received to sustain or defeat the claim, but as to every other matter which might with propriety have been litigated and determined in that action. Obviously, any question of improper "pumping" of a particular case could have been resolved in that very case rather than re-litigated in satellite litigation.

Epstein also alleged that Edwards improperly pursued discovery from some of Epstein's close friends. Such discovery, Epstein claimed, was improper because Edwards knew that these individuals lacked any discoverable information about the sexual assault cases against Epstein. Each of the friends of Epstein were and are reasonably believed to possess discoverable information. The undisputed facts show the following with regard to each of the persons identified in Epstein's complaint of improper targets of discovery:

- With regard to Donald Trump, Edwards had sound legal basis for believing Mr. Trump had relevant and discoverable information. *See* Statement of Undisputed Facts filed in support of Edwards' Motion for Summary Judgment.

- With regard to Alan Dershowitz (Harvard Law Professor), Edwards had sound legal basis for believing Mr. Dershowitz had relevant and discoverable information. *See* Statement of Undisputed Facts.

- With regard to former President Bill Clinton, Edwards had sound legal basis for believing former President Clinton had relevant and discoverable information. *See* Statement of Undisputed Facts.

- With regard to former Sony Record executive Tommy Mottola, Edwards was not the attorney that noticed Mr. Mottola's deposition. *See* Statement of Undisputed Facts.

- With regard to illusionist David Copperfield, Edwards had sound legal basis for believing Mr. Copperfield had relevant and discoverable information. *See* Statement of Undisputed Facts.

- With regard to former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, Edwards had sound legal basis for naming Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson on his witness list. *See* Statement of Undisputed Facts.

The anticipated trial of this lawsuit will require Edwards to testify about the propriety of his litigation decisions and to explain the bases for his good faith belief that each of the identified individuals had relevant information regarding Epstein's serial molestations. The rules of discovery themselves provide that a deposition need only be "reasonably calculated to *lead to* the discovery of admissible evidence." Fla. R. Civ. P. 1.280(b), and all of the challenged depositions clearly met that standard.

Moreover, the discovery that Edwards pursued has to be considered against the backdrop of Epstein's obstructionist tactics. In both this case and all other cases filed against him, Epstein asserted his Fifth Amendment privilege rather than answer any substantive questions. Epstein also helped secure attorneys for his household staff who assisted in the process of recruiting the minor girls, and those staff members in turn also asserted their Fifth Amendment rights rather than explain what happened behind closed doors in Epstein's mansion in West Palm Beach. It is against this backdrop that Edwards followed up on one of the only remaining lines of inquiry open to him: discovery aimed at those of Epstein's friends reasonably believed to have been in a position to corroborate the fact that Epstein was sexually abusing young girls.

In the context of the sexual assault cases that Edwards had filed against Epstein, any act of sexual abuse had undeniable relevance to the case – even acts of abuse Epstein committed against minor girls other than L.M., E.W., or Jane Doe. Both federal and state evidence rules made acts of child abuse against other girls admissible in the plaintiff's case in chief as proof of "modus operandi" or "motive" or "common scheme or plan." The anxiously anticipated trial of this case will present the first full disclosure of the evidence of the extent of Epstein's criminal conduct in explanation of the reason for and the extent of his malice toward Bradley Edwards.

Epstein's repeated invocations of the Fifth Amendment raise adverse inferences against him that leave no possibility that a reasonable factfinder could have ever reached a verdict in his favor. Instead, a reasonable finder of fact could only find that Epstein was a serial molester of children who was being held accountable through legitimate suits brought by Edwards and others on behalf of the minor girls that Epstein victimized.

"[I]t is well-settled that the Fifth Amendment does not forbid adverse inferences against parties to civil actions when they refuse to testify in response to probative evidence offered against them." *Baxter v. Palmigiano,* 425 U.S. 308, 318 (1976); *accord Vasquez v. State*, 777 So.2d 1200, 1203 (Fla. App. 2001). The reason for this rule "is both logical and utilitarian. A party may not trample upon the rights of others and then escape the consequences by invoking a constitutional privilege – at least not in a civil setting." *Fraser v. Security and Inv. Corp.*, 615 So.2d 841, 842 (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App. 1993). And, in the proper circumstances, "'Silence is often evidence of the most persuasive character.'" *Fraser v. Security and Inv. Corp.*, 615 So.2d 841, 842 (Fla. 4th Dist. Ct. App. 1993) (*quoting United States ex rel. Bilokumsky v. Tod,* 263 U.S. 149, 153-154 (1923) (Brandeis, J.).

In the circumstances of this case, a reasonable finder of fact would have "evidence of the most persuasive character" from Epstein's repeated refusal to answer questions propounded to him. To provide but a few examples, here are questions that Epstein refused to answer and the reasonable inference that a reasonable finder of fact would draw:

- Question not answered: "Specifically what are the allegations against you which you contend Mr. Edwards ginned up?" Reasonable inference: No allegations against Epstein were ginned up.

- Question not answered: "Well, which of Mr. Edwards' cases do you contend were fabricated?" Reasonable inference: No cases filed by Edwards against Epstein were fabricated.

- Question not answered: "Did sexual assaults ever take place on a private airplane on which you were a passenger?" Reasonable inference: Epstein was on a private airplane while sexual assaults were taking place.

- Question not answered: "How many minors have you procured for prostitution?" Reasonable inference: Epstein has procured multiple minors for prostitution.

- Question not answered: "Is there anything in L.M.'s Complaint that was filed against you in September of 2008 which you contend to be false?" Reasonable inference: Nothing in L.M.'s complaint filed in September of 2008 was false – i.e., as alleged in L.M.'s complaint, Epstein repeatedly sexually assaulted her while she was a minor and she was entitled to substantial compensatory and punitive damages as a result.

- Question not answered: "I would like to know whether you ever had any physical contact with the person referred to as Jane Doe in that [federal] complaint?" Reasonable inference: Epstein had physical contact with minor Jane Doe as alleged in her federal complaint.

- Question not answered: "Did you ever have any physical contact with E.W.?" Reasonable inference: Epstein had physical contact with minor E.W. as alleged in her complaint.

- Question not answered: "What is the actual value that you contend the claim of E.W. against you has?" Reasonable inference: E.W.'s claim against Epstein had substantial actual value.

Given all of the fatal flaws that infected Epstein's claims against Edwards from the outset and the overwhelming evidence that the motivation behind the filing of those claims was exclusively extortion and malice, Epstein's only hope of avoiding the full dramatic exposure of his life of perversion is to attempt to hide behind the erroneous interpretation of the litigation privilege. That effort has been rejected repeatedly by the trial court, and there is no reason to anticipate any change in that well-reasoned rejection. In addition, as will be privately explained at mediation, Epstein's day of public reckoning is inevitable.

Sincerely,

JACK SCAROLA
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Jack A. Goldberger, Esquire
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From: Lesley Groff [redacted]
Sent: 3/14/2014 2:24:48 PM
To: Jeffrey Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
CC: [redacted] Lyn fontanilla [redacted] Jojo Fontanilla [redacted]
Subject: Ed Boyden-Can't make it to dinner tonight!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Ed Boyden <[redacted]>
Subject: **Re: Your CITICAR Confirmation**
Date: March 14, 2014 10:12:29 AM EDT
To: Lesley Groff <[redacted]>
Cc: Neil Gershenfeld <[redacted]>, Bella Klein <[redacted]>
Reply-To: [redacted]

My apologies -- for the Obama BRAIN initiative, I need to work at MIT today to coordinate the activities of a bunch of groups for a Monday deadline. I'll see if I can get the plane fare refunded by our travel agent. Very sorry for the late notice...

Best,
Ed

From: Tyler Shears [redacted]
Sent: 3/20/2014 2:46:17 PM
To: Christina Galbraith [redacted]
CC: jeevacation@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Jeffrey Epstein, Harvard and Science Magnate, Applauds Congress' Largest Bill for Melanoma - CNBC

Importance: High

We are pushing to help get this up but having Bill Clinton in the other is making it tough to pop anything other up. Check again in 8 hours

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 20, 2014, at 9:47 AM, Christina Galbraith <[redacted] wrote:
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> Hi Tyler,
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> See the press release published this morning. Everyone's picking it up but don't see it on googles 1st page yet. Tough because Daily Mail has about 3 new articles out
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> http://www.cnbc.com/id/101510498
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> Christina Galbraith
> [redacted]
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Jeffrey Epstein, Prominent Education Patron, Backs Obama's Call for Early Education.

The Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation, which supports science education across the United States and has expanded to support early development and charter schools, heralded President Obama's State of the Union call for universal pre-school education for young children.

"Early education is essential," Jeffrey Epstein asserted who started his foundation in 2000. "It physically stimulates the rapidly developing mind, and fosters a lifetime of curiosity and achievement. All the statistics point to a much greater chance for success when a student experiences early education, from scores to school attendance."

According to the National Institute for Early Education Research, only 28% of 4 year olds in the United States are enrolled in state-financed preschool programs and only five states, offer preschool options to all 4-year-olds. The President's proposal would provide federal matching funds to states that offer public preschool openings to families earning up to 200% of the poverty level. The President would also allocate funds to states to expand public pre-kindergarten slots for middle-class families, who could pay on a sliding scale of tuition. The federal government would also have to approve the states' curriculum and administrative standards for their preschools.

"Setting standards of excellence is essential," Jeffrey Epstein affirmed, who has funded numerous early development programs including the first Head Start program in the US Virgin Islands, where his foundation is based. "However, there should be a large degree of autonomy and schools should be rewarded by their results. It becomes problematic when schools cannot make effective decisions for themselves."

Critics of Congress' Head Start program which started in 1981 to directly support preschools across the country, cite an expensive $7 billion annual endeavor that has had an uncertain impact on improving education rates. But many argue that the requirements for excellence are inconsistent, unenforced and teachers are still paid well below the public school level.

"If we don't make this investment now and wisely," Bob Powers countered, Chairman of the Education Workforce Development Committee of the Business Council of Alabama, "we're going to pay for it later."

In addition to supporting early education, Jeffrey Epstein founded the Program for Evolutionary Dynamics at Harvard University with a $30 million grant. He is a former member of the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, Rockefeller University, New York

Academy of Science and sits on the board of the Mind, Brain and Behavior Committee at Harvard University.

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Bryan Rafanelli
Biography

"If party planning is a fine art, then consider Bryan Rafanelli a virtuoso"
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Town & Country

Bryan Rafanelli's exquisite sense of style, attention to detail and ability to transform clients' visions into unforgettable celebrations have made him a go-to planner for the nation's most exclusive and high-profile events. He has produced it all, from elaborate fairytale-themed fundraising galas for Massachusetts General Hospital for Children to Chelsea Clinton's "wedding of the decade" to State Dinners hosted by President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama.

Rafanelli and his firm, Rafanelli Events, have a simple philosophy: every event is a unique creative challenge deserving of a one-of-a-kind approach. "My team listens to what you're imagining and then comes back with an idea you never expected," he says. "We hone in on every last detail so we can always deliver clients the highest level of service."

The media has taken notice. A recent feature in *OUT* magazine reads, "For a flawlessly executed affair to remember, a behind-the-scenes mastermind juggles the details. If you're lucky, that person will be event planner Bryan Rafanelli." And the headline of a recent *New York Times* profile –*For Wedding Planner, Obsession with Privacy*– reinforces that Rafanelli is tight-lipped no matter whom the client is, letting his work speak for itself.

Rafanelli has been named "Man of the Moment" by *Town & Country* (2010), a 2011 "Innovator" and "Event Producer of the Year" by BizBash, one of *OUT* magazine's "100 Most Compelling People in 2010", a "Trendsetter of the Year" by *Modern Bride*, a "40 Under 40" by the *Boston Business Journal* and "Best in Boston" eight years running by *Boston* magazine. His events have been highlighted in: *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *People*, *New York*, CBSNews.com, VanityFair.com, NewYorker.com and more. Rafanelli has also appeared as an industry expert on regional and national television programs including: "The Martha Stewart Show", ABC's "Good Morning America", NBC's "The Today Show" and as a regular contributor on New England Cable News' "Morning Show."

Rafanelli grew up in a large Rhode Island family, his mother always finding reason to throw parties for the people she loved. "The sense of community and of bringing people together to have good time just for 'good time's sake' has always been inside me," he says. He launched Rafanelli Events in 1996 as a three-person operation executing only a handful of events a year. It has quickly evolved into a full-service event design, strategy, planning and production company with more than 100 events annually in venues around the world. Headquartered in Boston, Rafanelli Events also has offices in New York City, Washington, DC and Palm Beach.

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Billy Evers
Biography

In the eyes of Billy Evers, inspiration is everywhere. Art, theater, fashion and music are all fair game; they're the moving parts of what makes an event come together as a whole. As creative director at Rafanelli Events, Billy takes each occasion that he plans and carefully balances the details. Whether he's dreaming up a wedding in Maine or a multi-million dollar hospital fundraiser, his role is to create, to imagine and to edit, from the very first client interaction until the final guest goes home. "The events we create are always evolving," Billy says. "The tweaking, the adding, the making sure everything's precise—it's something I pride our company on. We're always perfecting what we do."

Billy first teamed up with Bryan Rafanelli 10 years ago, only a few years after the company's inception in 1996. "I was living in New York, but would come to Boston socially," Billy says. "Bryan asked me to help out and things literally went from zero to 100 in six weeks. Before I knew it, I was living here, an extremely active member of Bryan's growing team."

Billy's background lends itself well to his role at Rafanelli. Prior to joining Bryan's team, he worked for a number of years in New York, running a high-end fashion boutique on Madison Avenue. This experience allowed him to travel the world, exposing him to an endless range of arts and culture. "All of it, together, has become the perfect resume for what I do now," Billy says. "When I see a room, I see it in a theatrical way. I draw from my love of film, my reservoir of experience in art and fashion, my passion for music."

All of these influences play an invaluable role in Billy's creative process. "I get involved with film, photography, fabric, accessories, lighting, the smell of a place—the entire sensory experience," he says. But beyond the individual details, Billy is responsible for dreaming up a concept. "Rafanelli is unique in terms of how broad our range is and what we're capable of doing," he says. "We're so not about 'just a party'. What we're doing is a whole new style of event. Concepting and branding meet smart design, value and integrity. I love the challenge of it all."

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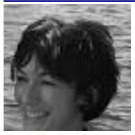

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Coming soon: More estate-tax battles

The word "permanent" – at least in the corridors of Washington, D.C. – doesn't mean what you think it means. And that should prompt you to keep a close eye on your estate plans.

More inheritance headaches loom.

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which was signed into law in early January, established a "permanent" $5 million estate-tax exemption. The legislation also set the same $5 million exemption for the federal gift tax and generation-skipping transfer tax. (That figure is indexed for inflation, which makes the 2013 exemption $5.25 million.)

But as Kelly Greene reported this weekend in the Wall Street Journal, President Barack Obama's fiscal year 2014 budget calls for lowering the exclusion for estate taxes and the generation-skipping transfer tax to $3.5 million (albeit not until 2018). The gift-tax exemption, meanwhile, would drop to $1 million. The proposed figures would be a return to 2009 levels and would no longer be indexed for inflation.

According to the proposed budget, the changes – coupled with closing other "estate-tax loopholes" – would raise $79 billion over 10 years. Which means that the only permanent thing about estate planning would be efforts by financial advisers and tax attorneys to stay one step ahead of Washington's search for revenue.

To be sure, the president's proposals are unlikely to be enacted in their current form. But Greene highlights several possible changes that investors and families should watch for:

"Discounts" could disappear. Currently, the value of a minority share in a business – when transferred from one family member to another – can be "discounted," resulting in a tidy tax savings. The White House, in previous budgets, has called for limiting or eliminating such discounts to family members. But the *absence* of that idea in the budget for 2014 could mean the Obama administration believes the Treasury Department already has the authority to change the rules – and simply will issue new regulations to do so. If that's the case, families considering such transfers might want to act sooner rather than later.

GRATs could get watered down. A grantor-retained annuity trust, or GRAT, lets a person give a portion of an asset's future profits to heirs tax-free. (One popular use of GRATs: Passing along stocks whose prices are depressed.) Such transfers take place over a set time period – as short as two years. But the president's budget would require GRATs to have a minimum term of 10 years, making these trusts less attractive.

Individual retirement accounts could get emptied faster. Currently, people who inherit IRAs and similar tax-deferred savings accounts are able to "stretch" their withdrawals across their life expectancy. The budget proposal would require most beneficiaries – other than widows and widowers – to cash out the accounts within five years. Already, Greene notes, some older adults whose wealth is concentrated in IRAs are considering moving the accounts into trusts to help their families keep up with, and follow, the rules.

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Dear Jeffrey-

We are thrilled to announce that we are working with Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, one of the rising stars in the New York Congressional delegation. Sometimes referred to as "Brooklyn's Barack", he is a staunch supporter of President Obama and a progressive voice for the people of New York City. NY1 did a profile piece about his work on the vitally important Budget and Judiciary committees in Washington. You can watch the video here or read the text below.

Hakeem is committed to electing a Democratic majority in 2014 and is encouraging his friends to participate in the DCCC/DSCC fundraising dinner with President Obama this coming Monday night. Shoot us an email or give us a call at (212) 531-2858 if you would like to get involved with the dinner, or would like to get an opportunity to get to know Hakeem better. He is an impressive guy and who will be a progressive voice in New York politics for years to come.

Thanks,
Darren Rigger, Lisa Rossi & Walter Swett
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NY1: Hakeem Jeffries Positions Himself For Long Career In Washington

Apr 29, 2013
By: Michael Scotto

Hakeem Jeffries is only about four months into his freshman year in Congress but he's already positioning himself for a long career in Washington. NY1's Michael Scotto filed the following report.

If you're looking to knock Hakeem Jeffries off message, you won't get very far.

"There's a hip hop song, every day I'm hustling, and I kind of feel that way down here in Washington," Jeffries said. "In a positive manner, of course."

The freshman congressman from Brooklyn and a sliver of Queens is an ambitious work horse who always appears to have his eye on the prize.

"I'll be shuffling back and forth between budget and judiciary for the better part of the morning, making sure we time it correctly so that I'm able to ask questions in both situations," he said.

He's a big change from Congressman Ed Towns, who retired after holding the seat for 30 years.

On any given day, Jeffries is traveling through the Capitol, attending hearings on the Judiciary and Budget committees, two of the most prominent in the lower chamber.

For Jeffries, those two assignments allow him to serve as a counterweight to the Republican leadership and to talk up the President, whom he and his district overwhelmingly support.

"My job, I believe, is to help the administration of Barack Obama help us back at home," Jeffries said.

In his first four months, Jeffries has championed himself as a progressive, introducing legislation to help student loan recipients and voting against a bill Friday to ease the impact of automatic spending cuts to the FAA because it didn't stop cuts to programs that are impacting the poor.

In the months and years ahead, Jeffries says there's plenty to do.

"There's no shortage of the people's business down in Washington, D.C. and that's why the job is one that is a serious endeavor," he said.

A serious endeavor that is also very much on message.

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Texas Billionaire's Heirs Save Some Money on Taxes

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By Matt Levine

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Every so often I hear a story that I find rather wonderful, and that I then pass along to you, just in case you and I share a similar sense of wonder. Here is one of those stories. It's about death and taxes.

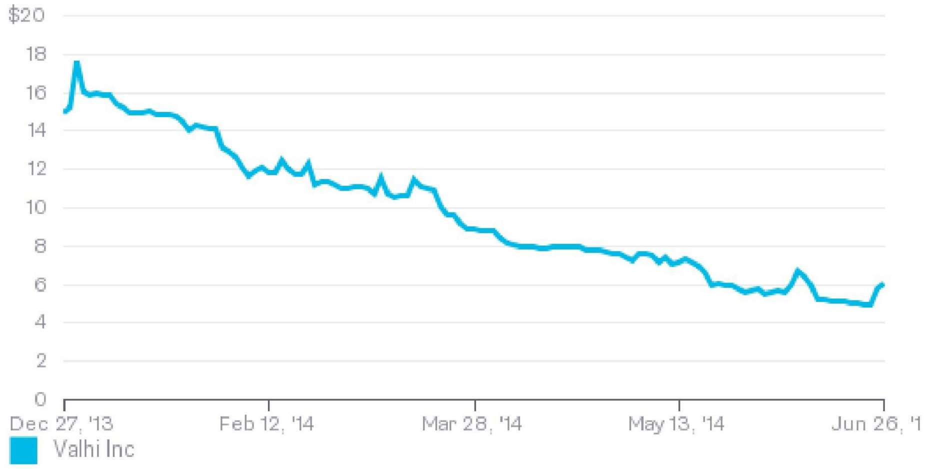
The story begins on Dec. 28 of last year, when a Dallas billionaire named Harold Simmons died at the age of 82. He left the bulk of his $8 billion fortune to two of his daughters. Much of that fortune was in "Contran Corp., a closely held entity that holds majority stakes in four publicly traded companies: Valhi Inc., NL Industries Inc., Kronos Worldwide Inc. and CompX International Inc."

The biggest chunk of the estate was Contran's 93.8 percent stake in Valhi, which was 318,156,746 shares.[1] Valhi's stock closed on Dec. 27, 2013, at $14.91 per share, making that stake worth about $4.7 billion as of Simmons's death. Another 2,481,900 Valhi shares (0.7 percent, $37 million) were held by the Harold Simmons Foundation, a charity controlled by Simmons's daughters.[2] Other family members owned about 2.8 million shares ($41 million). Public shareholders owned about 15.7 million shares ($234 million).[3]

Here are two facts about the federal estate tax:

- The estate tax rate for 2013 and 2014 is 40 percent of the value of the estate.[4]
- The executor can choose to determine the value of the estate *either* on the date of death, or on the "alternate valuation date," which is the date six months after the date of death.[5]

For Harold Simmons's estate, that alternate valuation date is tomorrow -- six months from his death. Today is the last trading day before that valuation. How's Valhi done in the last six months?



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Oh.[6] The stock closed yesterday at $6.01, reducing the value of the estate's holdings by $2.8 billion -- and its estate-tax liability by $1.1 billion -- since Simmons's death.

Is that good news or bad news for the estate? Well, the first law of tax is that it is always better to have more money than less money.[7] It's not actually a good idea to lose $2.8 billion of money to save $1.1 billion in taxes.

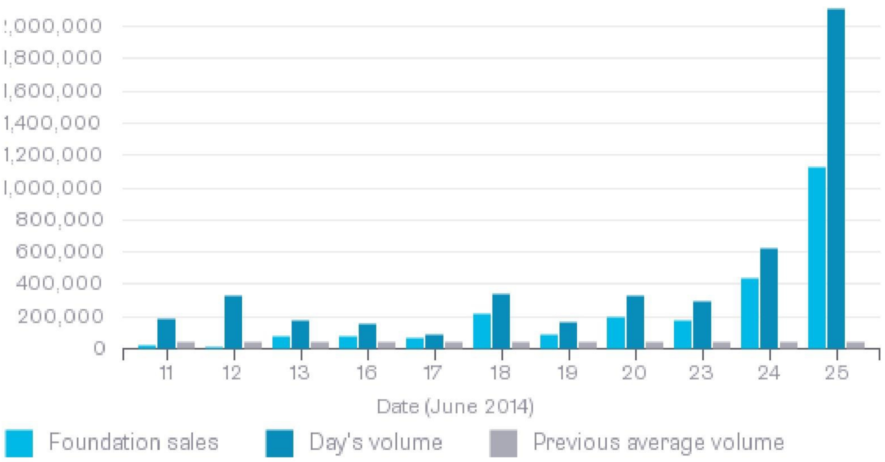
Though the estate didn't exactly lose $2.8 billion of *money.* That tax liability is a cash expense: You've actually got to write a check to the IRS for $1.9 billion (using the December valuation) or $765 million (using yesterday's valuation[8]), so the $1.1 billion you save is an actual cash savings. The $2.8 billion loss, on the other hand, is a paper loss. Perhaps it's just temporary. If there were some reason to think that it didn't reflect only a decline in the fundamental value of Valhi, you might not worry as much about that paper loss as you would about the cash taxes.

So what's happened to Valhi? Well, it's not having a great year, with zero-ish net income last quarter. The board reduced the dividend by 60 percent, to its lowest level since 2005. And the few people who follow the stock are unimpressed. Bloomberg shows two analysts following Valhi, Barclays and EVA Dimensions. They both have sell ratings, and Barclays has a price target of $5.00, saying in May that "from a SOTP analysis, we continue to view VHI as trading above its intrinsic value." A Seeking Alpha piece from a few weeks ago is similarly gloomy, with a $6 per share fair value.

All of this suggests that Simmons's estate owes less tax because it's really worth less than it was six months ago. In fact, if you taxed Simmons's heirs now based on the value of Valhi six months ago, they'd have almost nothing left of their stock.

But there's one more bit of the story. On June 11, about two weeks ago, the Harold Simmons Foundation -- the charitable foundation controlled by Simmons's heirs -- filed with the SEC a plan to sell all of its 2.5 million shares. That's not a *lot* of stock, exactly -- just 0.7 percent of the company, worth around $16 million at the time of the filing -- but it is a lot relative to the usual volume of trading in Valhi. Remember, 93.8 percent of Valhi is owned by Simmons's heirs and never trades. Between December 27, 2013, and June 10, 2014, Valhi traded an average of 42,311 shares a day, so the foundation's shares represented almost 59 days' volume.

It sold them in 11 days:



Source: Foundation filings, Bloomberg

The foundation's sales over the last two weeks or so accounted for over half of the volume, on average, each day. And the foundation's average sale on each of those days was more than five times the average volume over the previous six months. From Jan. 1 to June 10 of this year, more than five months, Valhi traded a total of 4.6 million shares. From June 11 to June 25, just over two weeks, it traded a total of 4.8 million shares -- more than half of them sold by the Harold Simmons Foundation.

You might expect that to drive down the stock a bit? Actually the stock performed surprisingly well, all things considered; it closed on June 10 at $6.42 and on June 25 at $5.81, down just 9.5 percent. But just that change, from $6.42 per share to $5.81, would save Simmons's heirs almost $80 million in estate taxes.[9]

The foundation sold the last of its shares on June 25 (this Wednesday). Without any more shares to sell, the foundation -- oh, wait, no, never mind, the foundation found some more shares to sell! On Wednesday, the day that it finished selling its 2.5 million shares, it received a "Gift from Affiliate" of another 900,000 shares. Those shares were gifted to the foundation by the Valhi Holding Company, the vehicle through which Simmons's heirs own their 318.2 million shares.[10]

The Foundation immediately filed a plan to sell those shares too, with an "approximate date of sale" of June 26 (yesterday).[11] As of 1 p.m. today, I see Valhi trading in the $5.80s.

Isn't that neat? Honestly, I have no idea what's going on here.[12] But if you *did* want to minimize your estate taxes on a multi-billion-dollar controlled public corporation with an illiquid stock, a good way to do it would be to have a foundation that you control dump a ton of stock on the market in the couple of weeks leading up to the day your estate is valued for tax purposes -- and, when the foundation ran out of shares, give it a few more so it could keep selling. If the goal of this trading *isn't* to minimize taxes, I'll be very disappointed. Because it's working pretty well to do just that.

[1] *That's based on a Schedule 13D/A referring to events of Dec. 28, 2013, but filed in February 2014 and mentioning a stock transfer after Simmons's death ("In January 2014, Contran received as excess collateral 1,100,541 Shares from the CDCT (as defined below) and contributed 4,123,598 Shares to Dixie Rice, who contributed such shares on the same day to VHC.") I ignore that and assume that Contran owned all of the 318.2 million shares as of December 28; the difference is small.*

[2] *From the 13D/A again:*

The Foundation is a tax-exempt foundation organized for charitable purposes. Lisa K. Simmons and Serena Simmons Connelly are the sole members of the Foundation, serve as two of the three the directors on the Foundation's board of directors and are the president and executive vice president, respectively of the Foundation. They may be deemed to control the Foundation but disclaim all Shares they do not hold directly.

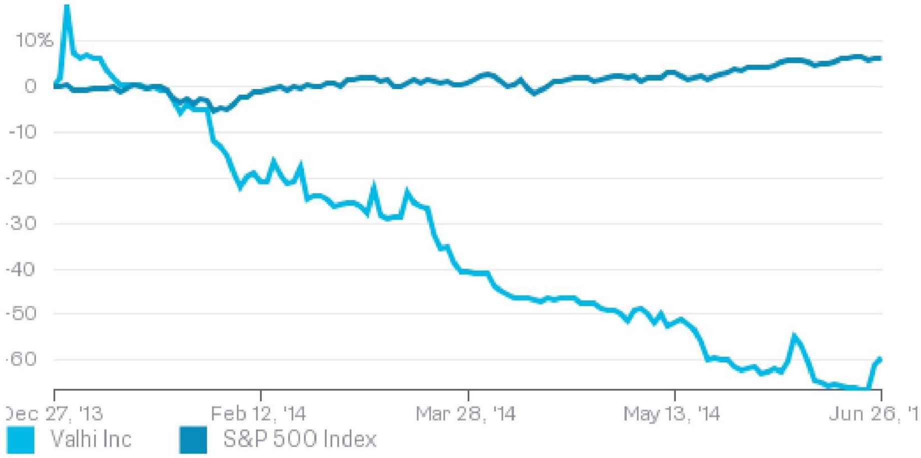
[3] *From a current Bloomberg HDS list I see BlackRock, Dimensional, Calpers, Fidelity and Citadel among the big-name holders, though all in fairly small size.*

Incidentally, Simmons had other daughters who seem to have been frozen out of Valhi. Here is a 1997 New York Times story about Simmons with the headline "Daughters Do Battle With a Corporate King Lear." So.

[4] *Minus an exemption that, compared to the size of Simmons's estate, is very very small (single-digit millions).*

[5] *This election only works if the estate has kept the property for the six months. Here's an Internal Revenue Service bulletin on the topic.*

[6] *Here it is in percentage terms versus the S&P 500:*



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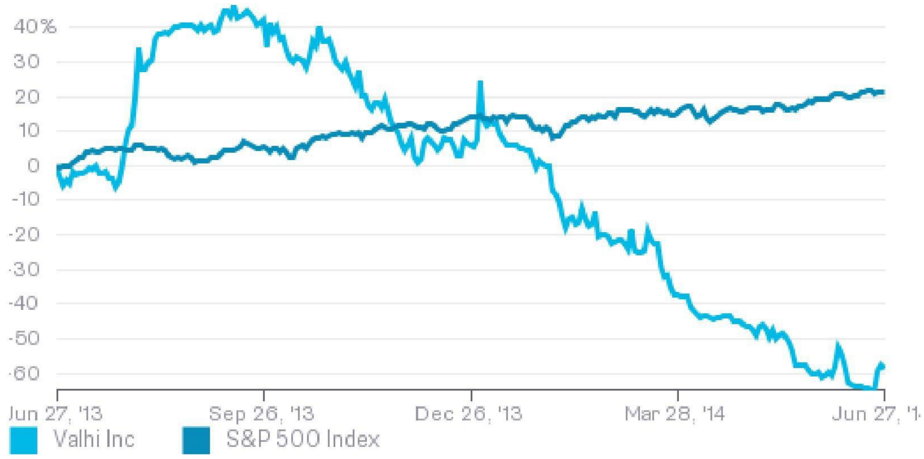
*And perhaps most interesting, here's the last **year**, with Simmons's death in the middle:*



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To be fair, Simmons was the chairman of the board in 2013, though the company was managed by a chief executive officer, Steven L. Watson, who remains in charge.

[7] *I've cited my tax professor's two fundamental laws of tax before: that it is always better to have more money than less money, and that it is always better to die later than to die sooner. The second rule is always relevant in estate-tax situations too.*

[8] *I'm using yesterday for convenience but in fact you'd have to use today's valuation. And the stock is down again today!*

[9] *That is, 318.2 million shares times $0.61 per share times 40 percent is $77.6 million.*

[10] *Now 317.3 million, I guess.*

[11] *You shouldn't take that date too seriously; the foundation's June 11 filing stated an "approximate date of sale" of June 11, but it actually took about two weeks. Best guess, the foundation was/is selling those shares yesterday and today.*

[12] *Do I even need to tell you that Simmons was a libertarian anti-tax advocate, had various run-ins with the IRS, and called President Barack Obama "the most dangerous man in America"? Or that "In 2009, a Dallas County jury found NL Industries" -- one of the companies in Simmons's estate -- "liable for not honoring contractual agreements and manipulating stock values"?*

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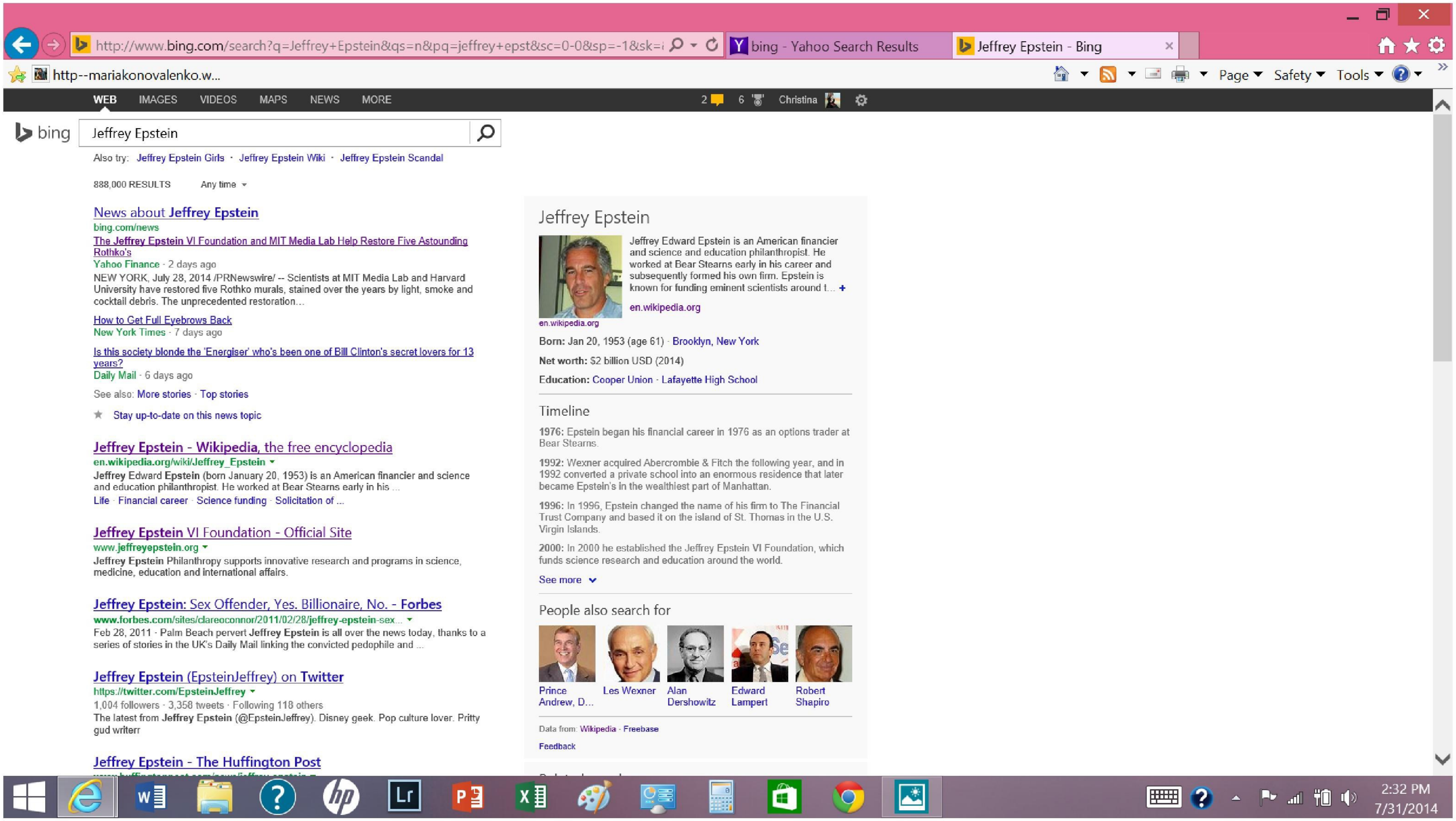
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Born: Jan 20, 1953 (age 61) · Brooklyn, New York

Net worth: $2 billion USD (2014)

Education: Cooper Union · Lafayette High School

Timeline

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1992: Wexner acquired Abercrombie & Fitch the following year, and in 1992 converted a private school into an enormous residence that later became Epstein's in the wealthiest part of Manhattan.

1996: In 1996, Epstein changed the name of his firm to The Financial Trust Company and based it on the island of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

2000: In 2000 he established the Jeffrey Epstein VI Foundation, which funds science research and education around the world.

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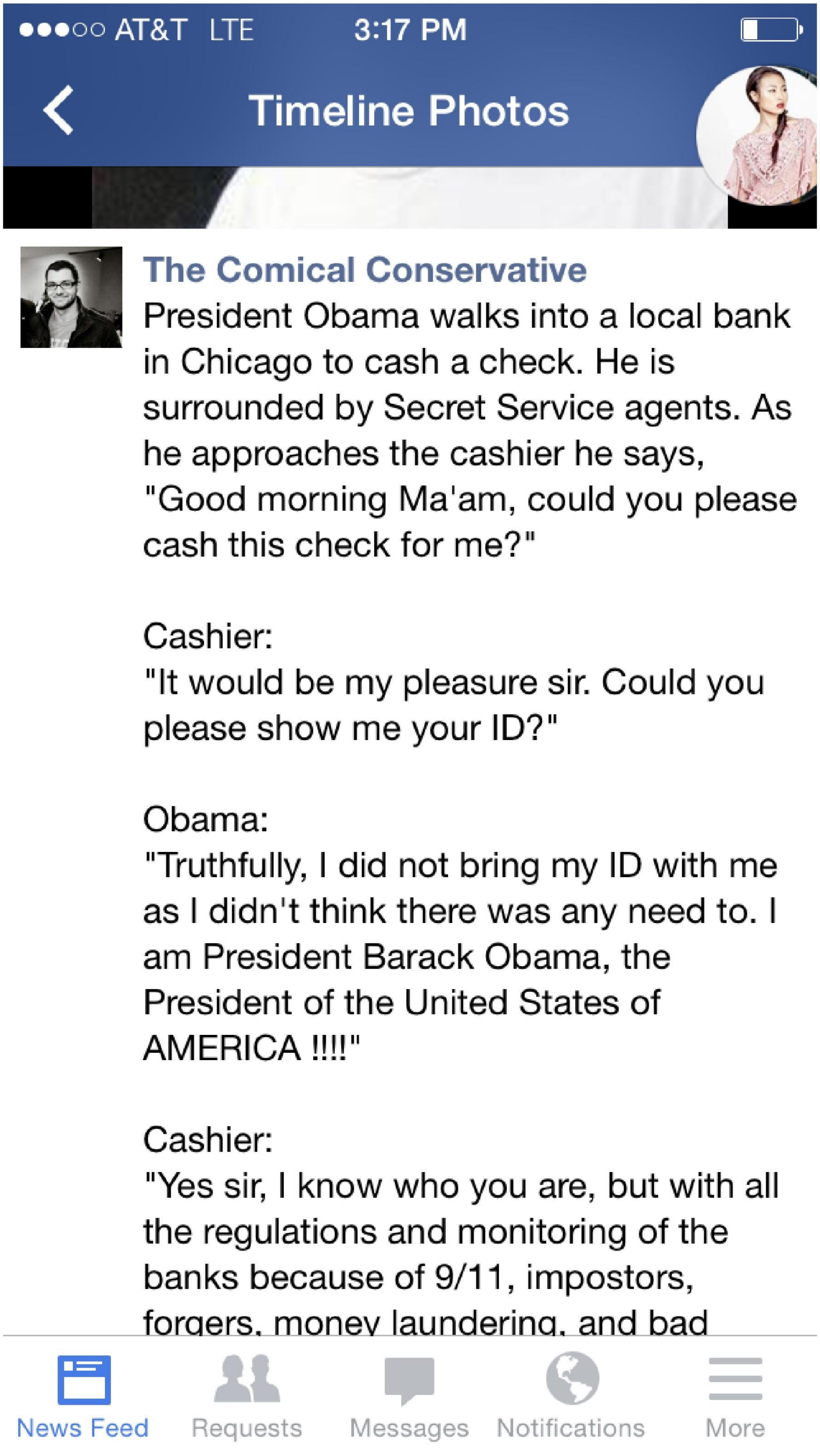
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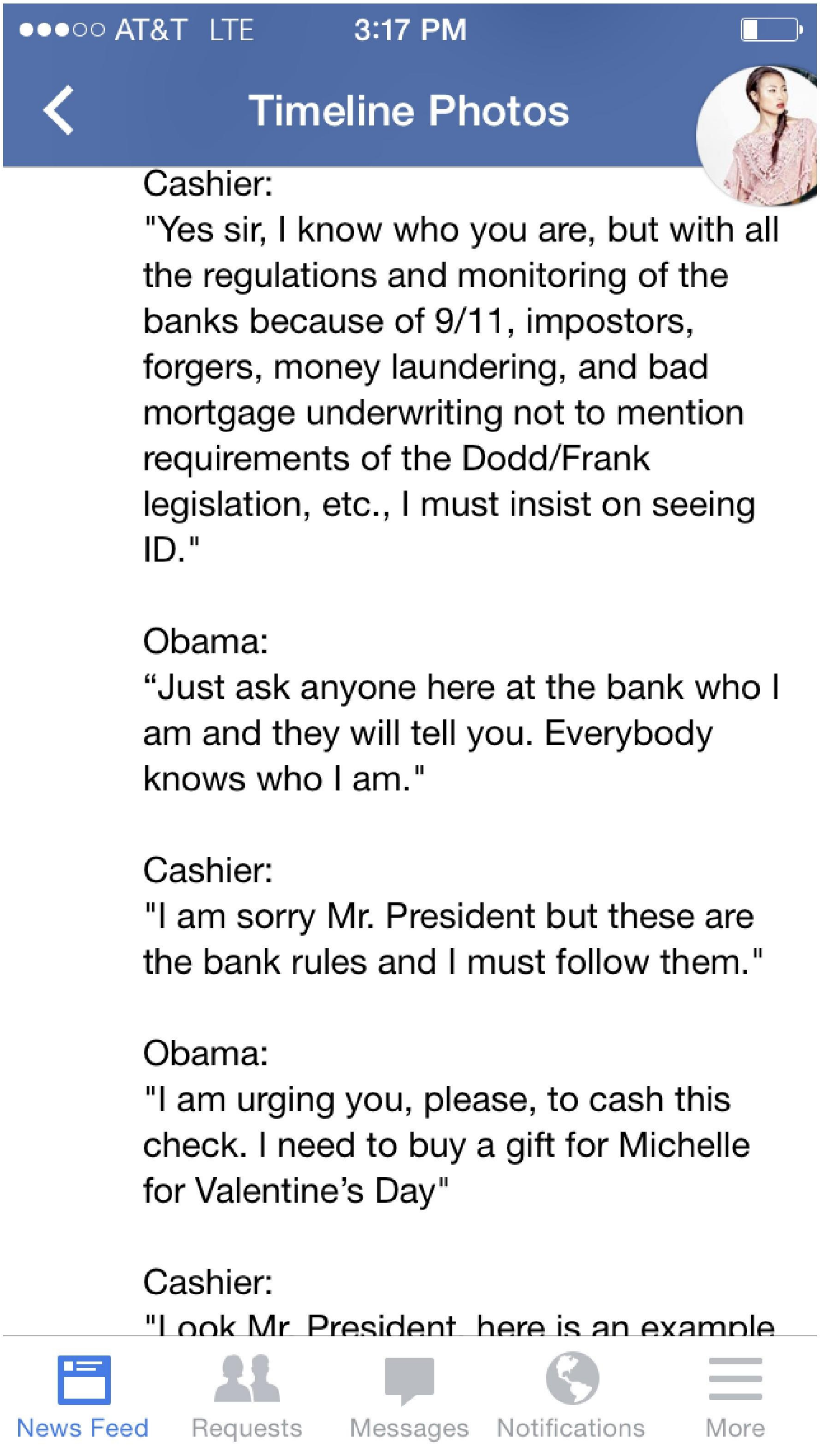
President Obama walks into a local bank in Chicago to cash a check. He is surrounded by Secret Service agents. As he approaches the cashier he says, "Good morning Ma'am, could you please cash this check for me?"

Cashier:
"It would be my pleasure sir. Could you please show me your ID?"

Obama:
"Truthfully, I did not bring my ID with me as I didn't think there was any need to. I am President Barack Obama, the President of the United States of AMERICA !!!!"

Cashier:
"Yes sir, I know who you are, but with all the regulations and monitoring of the banks because of 9/11, impostors, forgers, money laundering, and bad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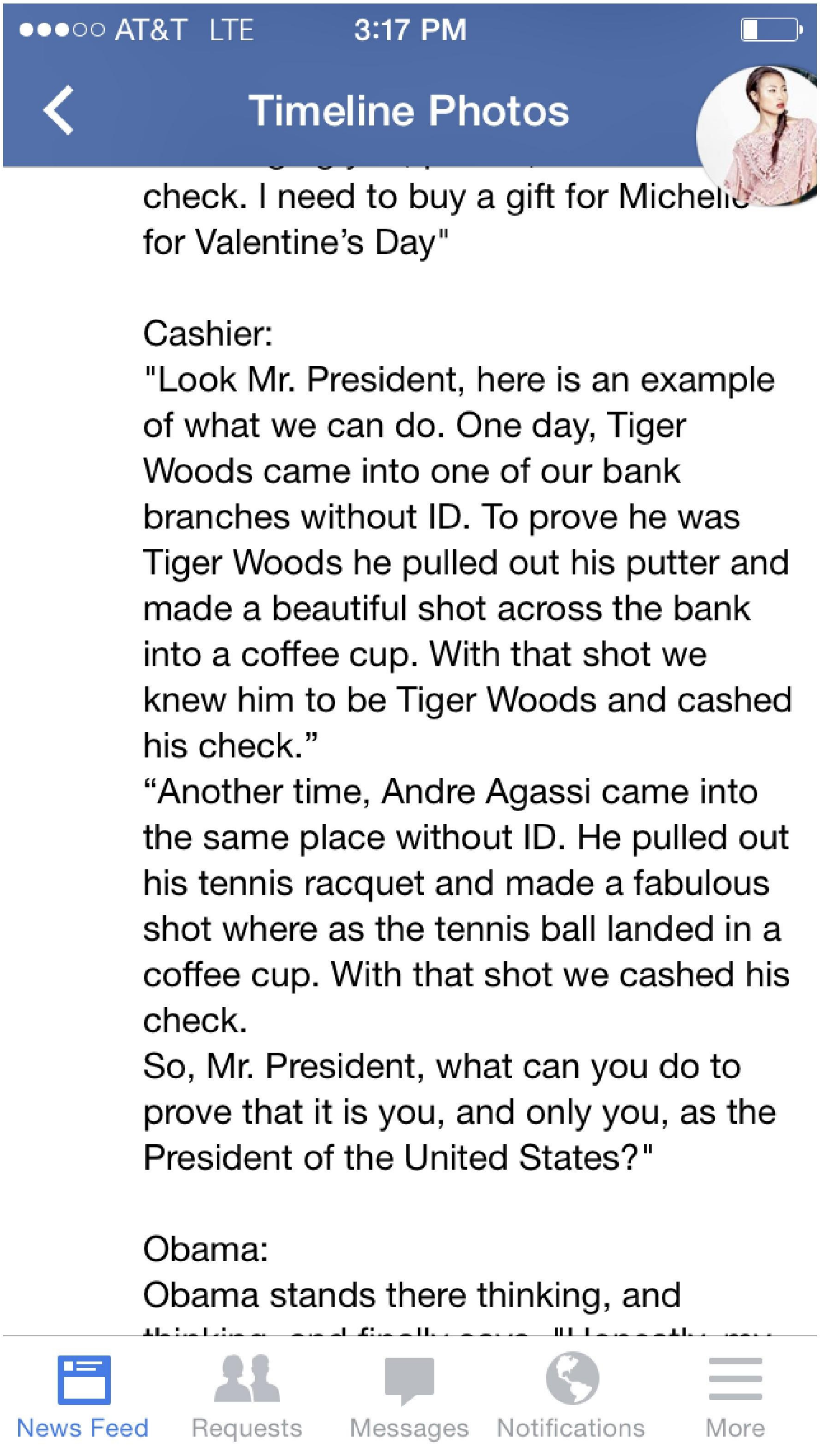
Cashier:
"Yes sir, I know who you are, but with all the regulations and monitoring of the banks because of 9/11, impostors, forgers, money laundering, and bad mortgage underwriting not to mention requirements of the Dodd/Frank legislation, etc., I must insist on seeing ID."

Obama:
“Just ask anyone here at the bank who I am and they will tell you. Everybody knows who I am."

Cashier:
"I am sorry Mr. President but these are the bank rules and I must follow them."

Obama:
"I am urging you, please, to cash this check. I need to buy a gift for Michelle for Valentine’s Day"

Cashier:
"Look Mr. President, here is an example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check. I need to buy a gift for Michelle for Valentine's Day"

Cashier:
"Look Mr. President, here is an example of what we can do. One day, Tiger Woods came into one of our bank branches without ID. To prove he was Tiger Woods he pulled out his putter and made a beautiful shot across the bank into a coffee cup. With that shot we knew him to be Tiger Woods and cashed his check."
"Another time, Andre Agassi came into the same place without ID. He pulled out his tennis racquet and made a fabulous shot where as the tennis ball landed in a coffee cup. With that shot we cashed his check.
So, Mr. President, what can you do to prove that it is you, and only you, as the President of the United States?"

Obama:
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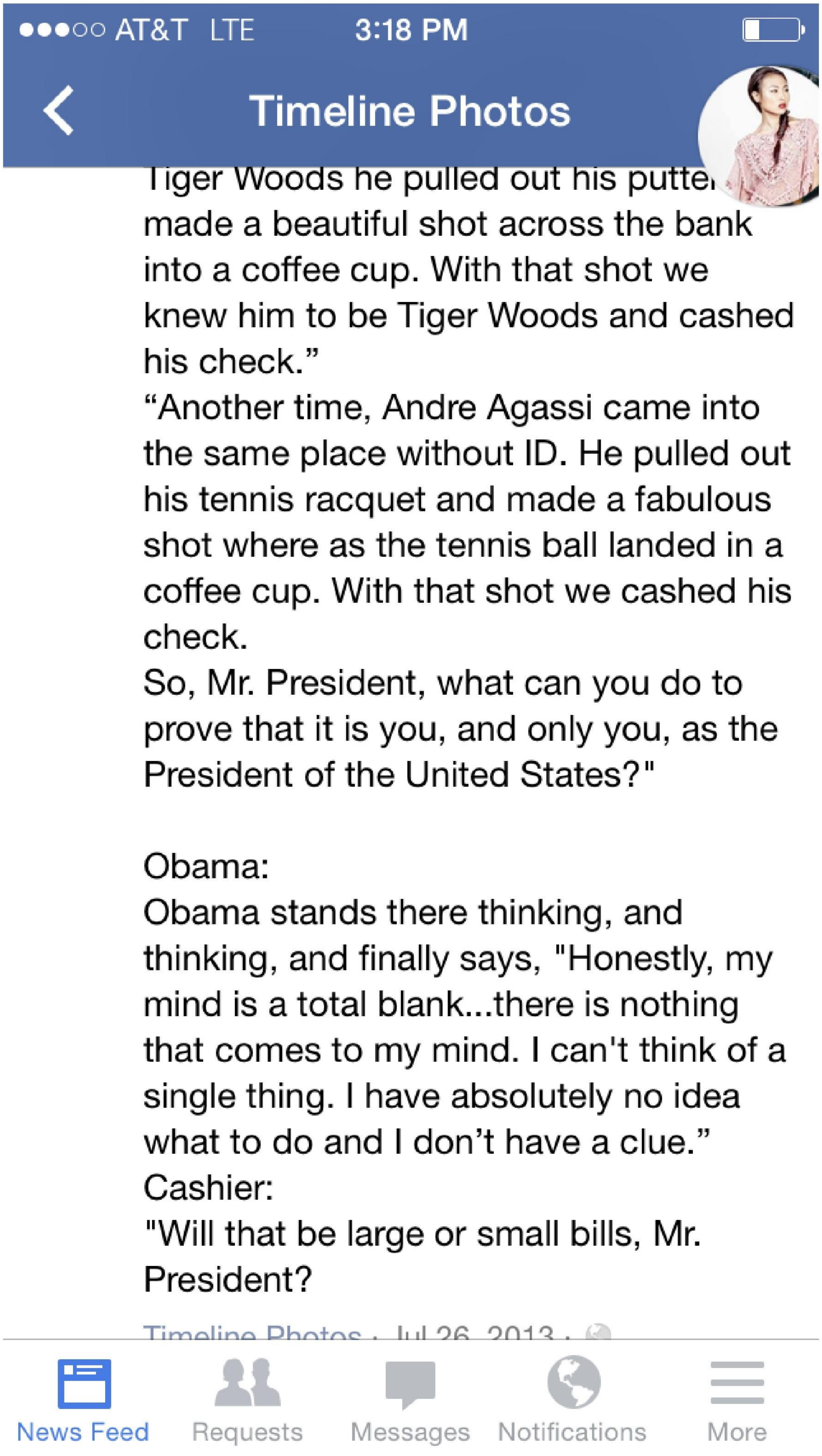

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"Another time, Andre Agassi came into the same place without ID. He pulled out his tennis racquet and made a fabulous shot where as the tennis ball landed in a coffee cup. With that shot we cashed his check.

So, Mr. President, what can you do to prove that it is you, and only you, as the President of the United States?"

Obama:

Obama stands there thinking, and thinking, and finally says, "Honestly, my mind is a total blank...there is nothing that comes to my mind. I can't think of a single thing. I have absolutely no idea what to do and I don't have a clue."

Cashier:

"Will that be large or small bills, Mr. President?

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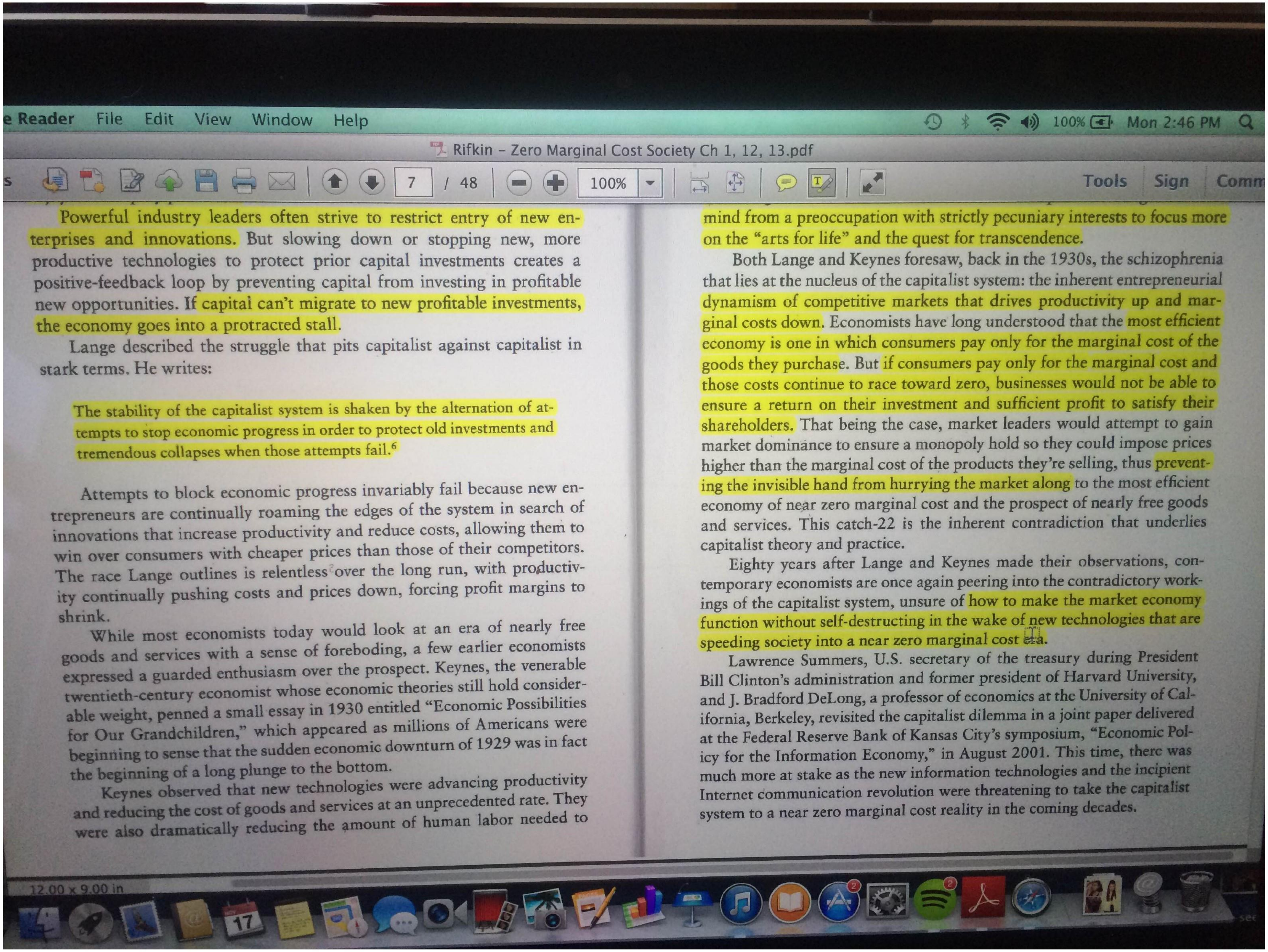

Powerful industry leaders often strive to restrict entry of new enterprises and innovations. But slowing down or stopping new, more productive technologies to protect prior capital investments creates a positive-feedback loop by preventing capital from investing in profitable new opportunities. If capital can't migrate to new profitable investments, the economy goes into a protracted stall.

Lange described the struggle that pits capitalist against capitalist in stark terms. He writes:

> The stability of the capitalist system is shaken by the alternation of attempts to stop economic progress in order to protect old investments and tremendous collapses when those attempts fail.[6]

Attempts to block economic progress invariably fail because new entrepreneurs are continually roaming the edges of the system in search of innovations that increase productivity and reduce costs, allowing them to win over consumers with cheaper prices than those of their competitors. The race Lange outlines is relentless over the long run, with productivity continually pushing costs and prices down, forcing profit margins to shrink.

While most economists today would look at an era of nearly free goods and services with a sense of foreboding, a few earlier economists expressed a guarded enthusiasm over the prospect. Keynes, the venerable twentieth-century economist whose economic theories still hold considerable weight, penned a small essay in 1930 entitled "Economic Possibilities for Our Grandchildren," which appeared as millions of Americans were beginning to sense that the sudden economic downturn of 1929 was in fact the beginning of a long plunge to the bottom.

Keynes observed that new technologies were advancing productivity and reducing the cost of goods and services at an unprecedented rate. They were also dramatically reducing the amount of human labor needed to

mind from a preoccupation with strictly pecuniary interests to focus more on the "arts for life" and the quest for transcendence.

Both Lange and Keynes foresaw, back in the 1930s, the schizophrenia that lies at the nucleus of the capitalist system: the inherent entrepreneurial dynamism of competitive markets that drives productivity up and marginal costs down. Economists have long understood that the most efficient economy is one in which consumers pay only for the marginal cost of the goods they purchase. But if consumers pay only for the marginal cost and those costs continue to race toward zero, businesses would not be able to ensure a return on their investment and sufficient profit to satisfy their shareholders. That being the case, market leaders would attempt to gain market dominance to ensure a monopoly hold so they could impose prices higher than the marginal cost of the products they're selling, thus preventing the invisible hand from hurrying the market along to the most efficient economy of near zero marginal cost and the prospect of nearly free goods and services. This catch-22 is the inherent contradiction that underlies capitalist theory and practice.

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- As the year 2015 begins, we find ourselves at the height of a historic earthquake, in multiple dimensions, the like of which hasn't been seen since the end of WWI and the collapse of the Ottoman Empire.

- In the Middle East – within three years, the "Arab spring" turned into the "Islamic winter" – borders have vanished and centuries of conflicts between tribes and factions are erupting onto the surface.

- The bi-polar and multi-polar world we knew has been replaced by a world with not even one geopolitical center of gravity. It is a Gestalt in which everything depends on everything else, and dealing with the

challenges requires global cooperation
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- Israel finds itself at the center of a kind of "perfect storm,"the only outpost of the western way of life in the Middle East – at the meeting point of the "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, as Huntington envisioned it, and at the same time, in the spinning "eye of the storm" of the clash of titans within Islam itself: between Sunni and Shi'ite, between tradition, extremism and terrorism on the one hand, and modernity and moderation on the other; between the dream of "past glory" and the vision of a "leap into the future”. And all of this is drenched in a lot of blood.

- This drama that has washed over the Arab world bears two lessons and one insight for us:

The 1st lesson: "Be modest in prophecy". In particular, when it comes to the future. Mubarak for example had about 400,000 people at his disposal working in various security agencies in order to preemptively predict events such as those that took place at Tahrir Square. And he did not foresee the uprising. So who can?

The 2nd lesson: When friends, and even the leaders among us, say: "Don't get swept into a panic – if something really grave happens (Iran for example) – the US will not stand by. The world will take action!"

And I say: Don't bet on it. Look at Syria. Assad has massacred 200,000 of his own people – with tanks, artillery, fighter jets, even chemical weapons – and the world did not lift a finger.

And the one insight: To all our opponents and even friends who tell us that our lack of success in reaching an agreement with the Palestinians is the root of all the troubles in the Middle East – the original sin! – I say: this is not true!

Even if I, in 2000 (or Rabin and Peres in 1994 or Olmert in 2008), were to have reached a peace treaty with the Palestinians – which would have been implemented a long time ago the "Muslim Brotherhood" would still have taken control over Egypt and Al-Sisi would still have taken it back a short time after.

- Syria would still have been embroiled in a bitter civil war. And Iran – would still be striving for regional hegemony and nuclear military capability.

- The reasons for all the above are deeply rooted in the history of the nations and the region – and do not stem from the Israeli Palestinian conflict (they may be related to it in another way, which I will get to later on).

- In the new reality forged by the "Arab Spring," there is good news and bad news for us.

Let's start with the bad news:

ISIS, the disintegration of Syria, the events in Iraq – all of these are bad news that prove to us, time and time again, that the Middle East is indeed a tough neighborhood. There is no mercy for the weak, and there will be no second opportunity for those who don't defend themselves. Every year, new threats arise. And the old ones: Hezbollah, Iran, terrorism –are all "alive and kicking" and growing even stronger.

But there is good news too. Israel is the strongest country in the region, from Tripoli in Libya to Tehran. It's the strongest militarily, strategically, and economically, and if we know act wisely–diplomatically too. Equally important: Israel will continue to be the strongest country in the region in the foreseeable future – especially if we manage to identify and cultivate these sources of empowerment and advantage – including:

- Armed Forces capable of defeating any outside combination of threats, including terrorism.

- A strong and growing economy in an open relationship with global markets.

- Foreign policy that assures international backing, especially American – diplomatic and economic- backing Israel's positions, and which holds the "moral high ground" vis-a-vis our enemies and opponents.

- The fact that Israel is stronger than any combination of enemies is what enables us to act from a position of strength and self confidence in order to change the reality : to counter the threats and to seize the opportunities.

- Let me elaborate briefly about each of the threats:

Two ironies and one insight about Isis.

Assad slaughtered 200,000 of his people including by using chemical weapons – and that wasn't enough to get the British parliament and Prime Minister Cameron or the American Congress and President Obama to act.

- Then, ISIS beheaded two journalists (not really a new practice in the Middle East) in front of the cameras – and within 48 hours the world was united against them. Better late than never, so we have little reason to complain about the result. However, there is something to learn about the superficiality of the decision-making processes in our world.

Second: let's assume for a moment that ISIS is restrained in about a year (and hopefully – crushed) – who wins?

- The main winner is Assad, since the Coalition would have wiped out his main adversary, freeing him to focus more intensely on the rest of the rebels – meaning the "moderate" rebels, which the Coalition purports to train and reinforce in order to take him down.

Iran also wins and of course Hezbollah - all members of President Bush's Axis of Evil. In other words: the Coalition is doing some of the "dirty work" for them.

- In my best assessment, the Turks are right in their position that there is no point in striking ISIS unless you also set a goal to take down Assad, and act to achieve it.
  The Turks are right in their call for a "humanitarian strip" – 25-30 km into Syrian territory along the borders, and declare it a “no fly zone”, a place for refugees (there are several million of

them) to assemble and where they can receive humanitarian aid.

- What hasn't been said explicitly is that such a deployment might lead sooner or later to engagement with the Syrian Air Force – followed by the Syrian Air Defense – which could develop into an opportunity to fundamentally change the balance of power and the course of the war against Assad's regime.

And one insight: ISIS may not be as strong as it is being portrayed. A coherent ,intense, coordinated action during the next year or two, particularly if performed according to the Turkish outline and with massive Turkish involvement – could well put the Genie back into the bottle. However – let us make no mistake – ISIS is part of the radical Islamic web of terrorism. A web that is loosely knit, yet survives on strictly restricted resources – and demonstrates operational flexibility, survivability and a fanatic adherence to the goal.

- We're talking about ALQ, Jabhat al-Nusra in Syria, Lashkar-e-Taiba in India, the Houthis in Yemen, the Shabab in Sumali, Boko Haram in Nigeria and many more – all across the Muslim strip, from Marrakesh to Bangladesh.
- And this web is very resilient. Dealing with it will take war lasting for a generation, not just a few years. The struggle will require collaboration not just between the moderate Arab nations and Turkey – but a long-standing collaboration between the US,

Russia, China, India and Europe – all are are potential targets and victims of this terror everyone to some extent. Forging this collaboration is categorically more important than the events in Ukraine or the North Chinese Sea Islands.

- Hezbollah is busy in Syria – and would generally prefer to avoid provoking Israel. Some here would say that Nasrallah has been deterred, that the memory of 2006 is still fresh in his mind and he will not act. I have my reservations about the deterministic nature of this statement. "Deterrence" is a somewhat elusive term. This is not a "zero sum game" on a one-dimensional bar. This is a complex and context-related issue. Although under normal circumstances, each side has a fundamental position (let's assume for a moment that Hezbollah's position is "avoid provoking Israel") – it is still not hard to imagine an event, or damage to Hezbollah's (or Nasrallah's) assets or prestige, that could lead it , despite its basic position, to take action contrary to its true fundamental position.

- Incidentally, this doesn't apply solely to "Hezbollah" – but to us too.
- Therefore, the working assumptions and the operational deployment must include the possibility of deterioration into a wide-scale confrontation with Hezbollah.
- And now, to Iran – which under certain circumstances might be the element that ignites or incites "Hezbollah" into action.

- Let us be clear – a nuclear Iran is a central threat to the entire world order, not just Israel. A nuclear Iran means the end of the non-proliferation regime– Saudi Arabia, within months, Turkey within a few years and Egypt might follow as well–and all will become nuclear.

- Every third-grade dictator will be able to ensure his survivability against the outside world by following in the footsteps of Pakistan, North Korea and Iran.

- The "countdown" towards the troubling vision of Prof. Graham Allison of Harvard about nuclear weapons in the hands of terrorists – this countdown, even if it takes 15 years, will start. Therefore, blocking Iran from becoming a "threshold nuclear state" is crucial, and justifies every effort.

- Right now diplomacy is in hiatus at least until March 2015. It's hard to imagine a good agreement with the P5+1, and a bad agreement would be best left unsigned. The problem is that the Iranians have no real incentive to reach a “final agreement” that would keep them from becoming a nuclear power.

- As far as they're concerned, at any given time an improved "interim agreement" would be better (unless the P5+1 yield to a bad agreement.)

- The Iranians are very sophisticated. In their opinion (I emphasize: in their opinion), the American government has changed its goal without admitting it, from "Iran will not have military nuclear capability. Period." to "Iran will not have military nuclear capability on our watch "

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- This is of course a completely different thing. And this perception only reinforces Iran's obduracy and the delaying tactics that they've adopted.

- Israel has a supreme interest in "keeping all the options on the table". However, today, mostly against the backdrop of the drawn-out talks – Israel has an interest in maximizing its understanding with the United States and trying to convince it of the need for determination and perseverance; for "sticks" as well as "carrots"; and of the importance of completely losing any illusions regarding the objectives of the Ayatollahs' regime.

- And from here, a sharp segue to the diplomatic challenges Israel faces, from the minor (for now) to the major.

- Israel is far from being a leaf in the wind. But the world has no geopolitical center of gravity – not the US, Russia, Europe or China –Israel isn't omnipotent either.

- It is wrong to disregard what's happening in Europe. It will not be resolved by saying that Europe is ridden with anti-Semitism (though there's quite a bit of truth to that).

- Regarding BDS, I used to tell the members of the Cabinet that– as long as these voices are coming from Eritrea or Mauritania, we can live with it for years. When it comes from Scandinavia and Britain – it's a different story, and must be taken seriously.

- Right now it is being espoused by parliaments, not governments. But it could expand – to trade unions, to the academia, to consumer organizations and NGOs. And then, heaven forbid, eventually to governments – which will say "we are of the people ". We mustn't forget that Europe is Israel's No. 1 trading partner - not the US and not China. And Europe, with North America and a few countries in the East, is at the heart of the "reference group" of liberal democratic countries to which we want to belong, and rightfully so.

- This leads us to the US – and there, the diplomatic challenge is far greater. Israel is a sovereign state. On

more than one occasion, I told President Obama, and before that Presidents Bush and Clinton, the following: "On issues that we believe are essential to the security and future of Israel and of the Jewish people, Israel will make its decisions alone and on its own responsibility and act upon them. We cannot, and will not want to", I added, "delegate the responsibility for such decisions, when required, even to the best of our friends – which is you."
The US presidents, I note, did not always like this statement – but they respected it.

- In the same token, I told members of the cabinet more than once – "we must always remember that the US is also a sovereign state. And it expects us to respect its right to form its positions on the issues crucial to it, based on its own interests ". And we have to respect that.

- Without derogating from our responsibility to make and execute sovereign decisions – the reality is that there isn't full symmetry here.

- Our relations with the US President, the administration, the Congress and the American people are vital to the State of Israel.

- The United States is Israel's main ally and strategic support. Our relations with it are the cornerstone of Israel's military capabilities, the IDF's qualitative edge, and Israel's strategic and political positioning.

- We receive $3 billion a year from the US, going back some 40 years now. What social or economic budget items would we forgo to make up the ₪12 billion gap if this assistance disappears?

- They're the only ones who can provide us with F-35 jets, the best aircraft in the world.

- These are mutually beneficial relations. The US also benefits from the unprecedented cooperation between our intelligence communities. And so do we.

We never expected, and will never ask others to fight for us – yet the US has deployed advanced radar systems in Israel to provide early warning against long-range missiles, and holds military exercises on our soil and in the Mediterranean , preparing an American response in case Israel has to defend itself against missile attacks from Iran.

- We received about $1 billion from the US, by order of President Obama, for "Iron Dome", and assistance for the David's Sling and Arrow programs continues.

- We turn to the US to veto hostile initiatives against Israel in the United Nations Security Council. Or to soften the conclusions of the Goldstone Commission and its ilk.

- It is to them that we turned (and they responded to the best of their ability) in rather tense times, when a handful of our people were besieged in the embassy in Cairo, with an angry mob at the door.

- Secretary of State Kerry, and President Obama – went to great lengths – and paid a considerable political (and often personal) price – to help us achieve a breakthrough with the Palestinians, though the effort did not succeed. Nor did we succeed (Rabin and Peres, myself, Olmert and Bibi as well). They shouldn't be ridiculed and debased for this. They should be appreciated. Even if we do not agree on all the details.

- We will yet need their help in facing many trials in the future.

- I recommend that we all remember this well. The rules of working with the Americans: Do not marginalize yourself. Do not fold. Yes – remember what the U.S. is for Israel. And Maintain–at almost any cost – mutual relations of trust and respect. It's good for Israel.

- The American Congress, President Obama, Biden and Kerry are part of the solution, even if it tarries.

They are not part of the problem.

- Ben Gurion used to say, with his iron logic, that "the future of Israel depends on our strength and our righteousness."

"Our strength" – that is the IDF's might and its strategic capabilities, the backing of the superpowers, our economic strength, and our social solidarity.

"Our righteousness" – not as an abstract concept – is our capacity to hold the"moral high ground" by means of a calculated effort to behave and be perceived as acting in good faith – to obtain peace, even if it delays.

- This is also an an essential condition for achieving internal solidarity and the world's support for Israel (or for the support of most of the world that's important to **us**).

- This is also an essential condition for achieving internal solidarity and willingness for sacrifice in a society where being called for battle or routinely risking your life is not a theoretical notion, but rather part of our life experience that repeats itself time and again.

- The fighting spirit, resilience and the internal solidarity are deeply bound to both our strength and our righteousness. Our righteousness is just as important as our strength. Our righteousness, and not our strength in and of itself, is what gives Zionism's struggle its meaning and sense of purpose (especially for ones who can choose). The support of a superpower

- and the resilience of our society and economy, which are among the components of our "strength" – will never be without recognition of our righteousness. And without it, they will erode

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- This is the time to point out the risk in the weakening of the cohesive forces which hold the Israeli society together. We are turning into an increasingly divided society whose very fabric seems to be ripping apart, and which is riddled with hatred for one another. Left and right. Jews and Arabs. Secular and religious. Rich and poor. Center and periphery. Old and new. This is dangerous. The late Tunisian President Bourguiba (and later on Sadat in his debates with Assad just before the peace treaty with Israel) made the argument that there's no need to defeat Israel by force. Give them the opportunity – and they will

collapse from within. But the opposite is true!
We have no intention of collapsing from within. But this requires that we come to our senses and act with the right national priorities in mind for society and the economy.

- The young generation, the future, must be prioritized. And the same applies to those groups in society who carry its burdens:working hard, paying taxes and serving in the IDF. Cultivating mutual respect, openness, tolerance, and acceptance of others; More equitable distribution of the national wealth; equal opportunities for all and encouraging individuals, groups and communities to take responsibility. All of these are part of our mission – and we have a long road ahead of us.

I am concerned about our addiction to internal quarrels just as much as I am concerned about our conflicts with external opponents. Our "righteousness" will not prevail and our "strength" will crack over time if we do not act decisively to establish, gradually yet persistently , norms of public life and civil society – which sets norms for what is done and what isn't done far above the criminal threshold.. We need profound change in the area of respect for the rule of law, standards of governance, keeping the thin line between freedom of expression and freedom of incitement – and immediately hitting the brakes on racism and Jewish terrorism – which in my opinion should be treated within the criminal domain..

- A few sentences on the “nation-state law”. This is a redundant and even harmful law. In general, and particularly at this point. To our friends it signals that Israel is losing its self-confidence regarding the obvious – namely,its unique identity as the Jewish-democratic state as reflected by the "Declaration of Independence". To our enemies it provides an effective tool to make Israel a suspect– of being a country that's willingly drifting away from the norms of democracy – as a preliminary step towards institutionalized discrimination. And one has to wonder: what was wrong with what we had until this point? What's wrong with the "Declaration of Independence"? Who needs this? And why?

- Churchill once observed the difference between an optimist and pessimist.

The pessimist – sees the difficultly in every opportunity
The optimist – sees the opportunity in every difficultly.

- We have opportunities before us within all of the difficulties. The most important of all, a rare one, the kind that comes once in a generation – is the opportunity to establish a regional agreement. It is all the more important in light of the "Arab Spring" and following "Operation Protective Edge".

There is an opportunity to establish a regional agreement that fundamentally changes the realities of the region and Israel's future and status within it. An agreement that will move the region's entire economy forward together with the chance for stability and peace ,based on synergies and collaboration rather than hatred and revenge.

- What do I mean? The events in recent years have created a strong common interest for Israel and the moderate Arab countries – Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States, Jordan, Egypt and perhaps even Turkey (which is not Arab). The focal interest is the struggle against radical Islamic terrorism and against Iran's hegemonic and nuclear intentions.

- The challenge for us is based on there being, apparently, only one way to achieve that; and the upcoming elections in Israel force us to put it on hold for a few months.

- And the way to do it is this: a strong, self-confident Israel, willing to hold serious negotiations with the Palestinians and the group of Arab nations within an international conference, backed by the US and the Quartet – in order to achieve a two-state solution and establish a regional agreement, while maintaining an unyielding and persistent fight against terrorism and ensuring the IDF's qualitative military edge over any combination of opponents.

- The moderates among Arab rulers are unable (and also unwilling) to float this common interest and turn it into policy – because they worry how their people would respond. This is how the Palestinian issue is related to possibility of an overall agreement in the Middle East.

- And this isn't just an assessment.

- We must remember, vis-a-vis the Palestinians, Israel can (practically only) give. Regarding the rest of the moderate Arab world – Israel can also get, and a lot..
Not just recognition and legitimacy but also an opportunity for regional infrastructure projects – and mostly – for the beginning of a process, protracted though it may be – to change the region's fundamental attitudes towards Israel.

- On the road to seize this opportunity – Israel will have to consider embracing the Saudi proposal, with Israel's reservations, as a basis to negotiate a regional agreement.

- This will take time. There will be ups and downs. The Palestinians are not an easy interlocutor. No one knows that better than I do..

- This might require long periods of interim agreements and even calculated unilateral steps that are coordinated with the US and the Quartet.

- It is possible that within the context of a regional agreement, the Palestinian State, once established, could be integrated into a structure of a closer cooperation that could include Jordan, Israel and perhaps another regional player.

- But to advance the chance of a regional agreement after the elections in Israel – the Palestinian issue and the two-state solution must be at the top of the agenda.

- The idea that' the radical right raises from time to time – to continue to rule the entire territory and maintain a sort of "autonomy" for the Palestinians – is an illusion at best, and the first step of an upcoming blame game at worst. It will be brutally rejected by our closest friends – not to mention by each of the potential partners for the regional agreement – and by all of them together. This too is not a mere assessment.

- The claim that the events of the past year "prove" that Israel's vital security needs are incompatible with the "two-state solution" – is false. And I'm stating this as a professional position, not a political opinion.

- On the contrary – the IDF will be able to defend Israel better from an internationally recognized border that includes the settlement blocs, a number of strategic sites on mountain ridge, a security zone east of Ben Gurion Airport and long-term military presence on the Jordan River.

- The real threat to the future of the Zionist Project – is not the security constraints of the "two-state solution" but rather a slippery slope leading to the "one-state solution" – a reality that would compromise Israel's security and worsen its diplomatic isolation – while inevitably (and this is the keyword) leading Israel into becoming a non-Jewish or non-democratic state. Not to mention the danger of descending into severe, perpetual hemorrhaging, lasting generations, by the two national communities locked in embrace– as we have seen in Belfast and Bosnia.

- The vision we all share – the vision of a "model society" in Israel, of positioning Israel, within 10-15 years, among the group of the most advanced societies – in education and culture, science and technology, quality of life – and eventually standard of living (Finland and Denmark can do it? So can we!). A society in which its sons and daughters choose to live . And one that young Jews from all over the world consider a source of pride, inspiration – and even a worthy place to live in.

- The vision of a "model society" will not materialize unless we gather our mental strength and political will, despite the pain and the differences in our positions – and together embrace the "two-state solution under a regional agreement" – which even if it delays – is the only appropriate and feasible solution, the only realistic and proper goal for Zionism in this complex world of the 21st century.

- A friend (from the Likud, actually) told me that when he was young, he visited Ben Gurion's home a few times. In one of their conversations, the boy asked the Old Man: "how is it that out of all of the people's leaders in the past 2,000 years, and even in the past 80 years, it was you who ended up founding the Jewish State?" And the Old Man answered: "In ancient times, everyone had a sixth sense, a sense of recognizing opportunities. This sense disappeared over time – in most people. But not for me! I saw an opportunity – and I

seized it."
Ben Gurion did not speak of the horrors of the War of Independence, the doubts, the risks. many assumed we would fail. He talked about the opportunity and recognizing it. And the deed.

- Like Ben Gurion at the time, Menachem Begin – with Egypt, and Rabin – in the peace treaty with Jordan, and later Peres – with the first steps towards the Palestinians, took huge national, diplomatic, security and political risks. Some paid a heavy price. Yitzhak paid the ultimate price. But they all dared – and acted. This is the true test of leadership. This is also the real test of creative statesmanship.

- Formative leadership had always been rooted in a rare combination and fine balance between vision, daring and courage on one hand and judgment, complete sobriety and grasp of detail on the other. They will not come where anxiety, pessimism and passivity rule – these are recipes for the creating of self-fulfilling (necessarily pessimistic) prophecies.

- The essence and the purpose of the Zionist movement was to defy the reality and the mindset that the Exile created. Its foundation lay in the decision to take our own fate in our own hands and move proactively to change reality, and not be swept away by the arbitrary waves of history.

- Reality is knocking on our door. Not everything is certain. Nothing is ever certain. And nothing ever will be. Nevertheless – open the

- door – this is the true trial of the national leadership.
- Abba Eban used to say – the Palestinians have never missed an opportunity to miss an opportunity.
- Let's not fall into this trap – ourselves.

- Thank you.

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New Firepower in Shocking Suit Against Trump

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Donald Trump, left, and J. Cheney Mason, right.
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If you thought the presidential election couldn't get any uglier, guess again. Because a suit against Donald Trump alleging that he raped a 13-year-old girl has new life.

On Monday, Florida criminal defense lawyer J. Cheney Mason—best known for successfully defending Casey Anthony, who was charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter—filed court papers to represent "Jane Doe" in a suit against Trump and disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein.

The rape suit isn't exactly new. It was filed pro se by "Katie Johnson" in Los Angeles federal court in April, dismissed, refiled in the Southern District of New York, withdrawn and refiled on Sept. 30. But with the addition of Mason—a media-savvy lawyer not known for shying away from the spotlight—the stakes have changed.

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Suddenly, it's a lot more serious. Which is not the same as legitimate, but the odds that the case will go away quietly are much slimmer given the firepower of her new counsel. Especially now, in the wake of a 2005 recording where Trump bragged about using his star power to kiss and grope women.

The allegations in the suit are truly awful. Jane Doe says that when she was 13, she attended parties at Epstein's New York City townhouse, enticed by promises of money and a modeling career. She allegedly had sexual encounters with Trump on four occasions there.

The complaint states, "Defendant Trump tied plaintiff to a bed, exposed himself to plaintiff, and then proceeded to forcibly rape plaintiff. During the course of this savage sexual attack, plaintiff loudly pleaded with Defendant Trump to stop but with no effect. Defendant Trump responded to plaintiff's pleas by violently striking plaintiff in the face with his open hand and screaming that he would do whatever he wanted."

Epstein allegedly raped her as well. In 2008, he pleaded guilty to soliciting an underage girl for prostitution, and has faced other suits by women who allege underage sexual assault.

Trump's lawyer Alan Garten, has unequivocally denied the allegations. In fact, the current complaint quotes his denial: "The allegations are not only categorically false, but disgusting at the highest level and clearly framed to solicit media attention or, perhaps, are simply politically motivated. There is absolutely no merit to these allegations. Period." Doe's suit claims that this statement is libelous.

The only reason I can think of for including such a seemingly absurd claim (how can you libel someone who is anonymous?) is that it's not time-barred. The rest of the complaint probably is.

The alleged incidents took place in 1994—22 years ago. The complaint claims that Doe didn't come forward because she was "unrelentingly threatened by each defendant that, were she ever to reveal any of the details of the sexual and physical abuse caused to her by defendants, plaintiff and her family would be physically harmed if not killed."

But Epstein in 2008 was sentenced to 18 months in prison. Why couldn't she have come forward then?

That's not the only problem with the case.

I wrote about the suit when it was first filed in LA with great skepticism—"an anonymous stink bomb," I called it.

In large part, I was dubious because the person filing the complaint, "Katie Johnson," claimed her only past work experience was as a freelance model. And yet her pro se complaint was perfectly formatted, with proper margins and numbering; it correctly cited statutes, got the venue and jurisdiction correct and contained no typos.

It looked more to me like the secret handiwork of a lawyer intent on smearing Trump.

If so, however, there was no way to hold anyone accountable. The phone number provided was disconnected and Johnson's address was an abandoned, foreclosed house.

The allegations in the latest complaint by "Jane Doe" are the same, albeit with fewer lurid details and no explanation why she is no longer Katie Johnson. But the biggest difference is that she's got lawyers now.

In addition to Mason, "Jane Doe" is represented—improbably—by New Jersey patent litigator Thomas Meagher, the managing partner of nine-lawyer IP boutique Meagher Emanuel Laks Goldberg & Liao.

Mason and Meagher did not respond to requests for comment.

Campaign finance records show that Mason gave $2,000 to Hillary Clinton in February. Meagher during this election cycle has donated to Marco Rubio, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz and Jeb Bush. He has never given money to a Democrat, according to Open Secrets data.

So is the suit for real? Or is it an especially dirty way to attack Donald Trump?

There's a You Tube video of the plaintiff, with her faced blurred and her voice distorted, where she recounts the rape. Under these conditions, it's impossible to tell if she's credible or not.

The complaint also includes an affidavit from "Joan Doe," a school friend who said the plaintiff told her about the rapes in 1994, and from "Tiffany Doe," who said she recruited the plaintiff to come to Epstein's parties and witnessed the sexual assaults. So perhaps more evidence will emerge to bolster Jane Doe's claims.

On the other hand, if the complaint is determined to be without merit, Mason and Meagher could be sanctioned by the court for filing a frivolous lawsuit.

Or Trump could respond like Alan Dershowitz, who was also accused of sexual misconduct with a minor in connection with Epstein. The Harvard Law School professor said lawyers for the accuser acted unethically and fabricated the allegations; in turn, they sued him for defamation. The case settled earlier this year on undisclosed terms.

In the Trump case, U.S. District Judge Ronnie Abrams set an initial conference for Dec. 16. The real question: if Clinton wins, will this case simply disappear?

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From: Donald Rubin [redacted]
Sent: 1/22/2017 7:31:32 PM
To: jeffrey E. [jeevacation@gmail.com]
Subject: Republican health care experts dismiss Donald Trump's ideas

Importance: High

https://www.statnews.com/2016/03/04/trump-republicans-health-care/?s_campaign=trendmd

Jeffrey,

This cannot be true, can it? This guy must be as dumb about this stuff as a tampon laced with arsenic!!

HELP!

Great meeting yesterday — really enjoyed it.

And happy birthday again, Don

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Sent: 3/22/2017 7:29:01 PM
To: Jeff Epstein [jeevacation@gmail.com]
CC: Barnaby Marsh [redacted]
Subject: Fw: HMS-Today's News (March 22, 2017)
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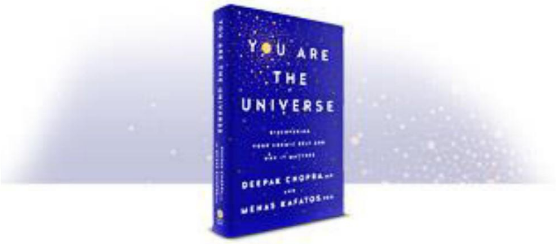

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Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 2:39 PM
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Date: March 22, 2017 at 2:34:12 PM EDT
To: <HMSNEWS_QUAD_FAC_STAFF@LISTSERV.MED.HARVARD.EDU>

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In the News

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

Flexibility on ‘essential benefits’ will increase cost of insurance for pregnancy, addiction and mental illness

STAT

Richard Frank (HMS) co-authored this opinion piece arguing that the Republican health care bill could drive up the cost of coverage for pregnancy care, newborn care, and mental illness and addictive disorders treatment.

Deepak Chopra speculates about Trump’s brain

USA Today

A noted alternative medicine advocate is the latest medical professional to speculate about President Trump’s mental health. Rebecca Brendel (HMS/Mass General) discusses the so-called Goldwater rule of the American Psychiatric Association that discourages physicians from expressing public opinions about people whom they are not treating.

Can my doctor out me to my parents?

U.S. News & World Report

The article discusses the confidentiality, legal and ethical conundrums faced by LGBTQ minors and the pediatricians who treat them when it comes to disclosing certain medical information to parents and guardians. Alex Keuroghlian (HMS/Mass General) is mentioned.

The $10 million quest to build a home health device inspired by ‘Star Trek’

The Washington Post

Then there were two. A global competition to stimulate the innovation and integration of precision diagnostic technologies that will allow consumers to make their own medical diagnoses has been narrowed from 312 to two teams. Chung-Kang Peng (HMS/Beth Israel Deaconess) is the leader of one of the finalist teams. The winner will be announced in April.

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PARTIES

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3. The FBI, a component of the Department of Justice, is an agency of the United States with possession and control of the records sought by Plaintiff.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests this Court:

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(D) Grant such other and further relief as may deem just and proper.

Dated: May 25, 2017

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Around that time, the police report said, Mr. Dershowitz met with prosecutors to share information about the accusers, including statements they had posted on MySpace.com, the social networking site, concerning use of drugs and alcohol. According to the report, Mr. Krischer's office then decided to delay the grand jury session for several months.

The Palm Beach police grew frustrated, the report said, and on May 1 the department asked prosecutors to approve warrants to arrest Mr. Epstein.

Chief Reiter also wrote Mr. Krischer questioning "the unusual course that your office's handling of this matter has taken" and suggesting that Mr. Krischer disqualify himself. Chief Reiter refused several requests to be interviewed, and his spokeswoman would not say explicitly why he had urged the prosecutor to step aside.

Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for Mr. Krischer, said the state attorney's office sometimes sent noncapital cases to grand juries when there were questions about witness credibility. Mr. Krischer does not recommend a particular charge in such cases, Mr. Edmondson said, but gives the grand jury a list of possible charges.

Bruce J. Winick, a law professor at the University of Miami, said that while prosecutors in Florida rarely referred noncapital cases to grand juries, they sometimes did so with sensitive cases to be extra-cautious.

Mr. Lefcourt said the police were wrong to have released the report so soon, especially without correcting information that later proved wrong. He cited his assertion that one accuser had lied about her age, adding that she had also been arrested on drug charges and had been fired by her employer for stealing.

"What I'm trying to focus on," Mr. Lefcourt said, "is, What's motivating the selective and misleading release of information to the public?"

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NATIONAL ENQUIRER

April 20, 2017

VIA FOIA PORTAL

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM:
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a reporter and editor for *The National Enquirer*. I request records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C.§ 552.

Request

The Enquirer seeks all documents relating to the FBI's investigation and prosecution of financier Jeffrey Edward Epstein, who pled guilty to one count of felony solicitation of prostitution in August 2006.

Background

Jeffrey Epstein is a billionaire financier, philanthropist, and sex offender. In 2005, Epstein became the subject of an undercover sex trafficking investigation by Palm Beach, Florida police and the FBI. Dozens of underage women claimed that they had been trafficked by Epstein to perform sexual acts on him as well as his friends.

Many prominent political figures have been connected to Mr. Epstein's child-trafficking ring, including former President Bill Clinton and Prince Andrew of the British Royal Family.

Links: (Bill Clinton) http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/05/13/flight-logs-show-bill-clinton-flew-on-sex-offenders-jet-much-more-than-previously-known.html; (Prince Andrew) https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/jeffrey-epstein-decade-scandal-prince-andrew

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Link: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/jeffrey-epstein-decade-scandal-prince-andrew

Papers filed in a 2006 lawsuit alleged that Epstein surreptitiously recorded sexual activity between prominent individuals and underage girls for purposes of blackmail, leaving many to wonder whether potential blackmail material played a role in his light sentence:

Link: http://www.ibtimes.com.au/prince-andrew-might-have-been-caught-tape-sex-slave-1407641

Expedited Processing

This request has been the subject of the request is of widespread and exceptional media interest and the information sought involves possible questions about the government's integrity which affects public confidence. Specifically; the issue of whether Mr. Epstein’s wealth and connections secured him favorable treatment by the DOJ.

Given that a civil defamation trial between one of Epstein’s victims and his alleged co-conspirator, Ghislaine Maxwell, has just begun, the topic is of renewed interest to the public and therefore is worthy of expedited processing.

Certification

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Fee Waiver

The National Enquirer is a news organization. Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), the *Enquirer* is entitled to a fee waiver because disclosure of the information sought is in the public interest, is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Electronic Records

Please furnish all responsive records in electronic format.

Further Correspondence

All correspondence regarding this request can be directed to me at jrobertson@amilink.com

Please be aware that under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), a FOIA request is considered constructively denied after twenty business days.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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A spokeswoman for the Palm Beach police said that early this year, the police went to Mr. Krischer, the state attorney, intending to apply for warrants to arrest

Mr. Epstein. Instead, she said, they were told that Mr. Krischer would convene a grand jury to examine the evidence and decide what charges, if any, to bring.

Around that time, the police report said, Mr. Dershowitz met with prosecutors to share information about the accusers, including statements they had posted on MySpace.com, the social networking site, concerning use of drugs and alcohol. According to the report, Mr. Krischer’s office then decided to delay the grand jury session for several months.

The Palm Beach police grew frustrated, the report said, and on May 1 the department asked prosecutors to approve warrants to arrest Mr. Epstein.

Chief Reiter also wrote Mr. Krischer questioning “the unusual course that your office’s handling of this matter has taken” and suggesting that Mr. Krischer disqualify himself. Chief Reiter refused several requests to be interviewed, and his spokeswoman would not say explicitly why he had urged the prosecutor to step aside.

Mike Edmondson, a spokesman for Mr. Krischer, said the state attorney’s office sometimes sent noncapital cases to grand juries when there were questions about witness credibility. Mr. Krischer does not recommend a particular charge in such cases, Mr. Edmondson said, but gives the grand jury a list of possible charges.

Bruce J. Winick, a law professor at the University of Miami, said that while prosecutors in Florida rarely referred noncapital cases to grand juries, they sometimes did so with sensitive cases to be extra-cautious.

Mr. Lefcourt said the police were wrong to have released the report so soon, especially without correcting information that later proved wrong. He cited his assertion that one accuser had lied about her age, adding that she had also been arrested on drug charges and had been fired by her employer for stealing.

“What I’m trying to focus on,” Mr. Lefcourt said, “is, What’s motivating the selective and misleading release of information to the public?”

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NATIONAL ENQUIRER

April 20, 2017

VIA FOIA PORTAL

TO: Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: James Robertson
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a reporter and editor for *The National Enquirer*. I request records under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C.§ 552.

Request

The Enquirer seeks all documents relating to the FBI's investigation and prosecution of financier Jeffrey Edward Epstein, who pled guilty to one count of felony solicitation of prostitution in August 2006.

Background

Jeffrey Epstein is a billionaire financier, philanthropist, and sex offender. In 2005, Epstein became the subject of an undercover sex trafficking investigation by Palm Beach, Florida police and the FBI. Dozens of underage women claimed that they had been trafficked by Epstein to perform sexual acts on him as well as his friends.

Many prominent political figures have been connected to Mr. Epstein's child-trafficking ring, including former President Bill Clinton and Prince Andrew of the British Royal Family.

Links: (Bill Clinton) http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/05/13/flight-logs-show-bill-clinton-flew-on-sex-offenders-jet-much-more-than-previously-known.html; (Prince Andrew) https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/jeffrey-epstein-decade-scandal-prince-andrew

Despite the gravity of his offenses, the Department of Justice agreed to allow Epstein to plead guilty to a single count of soliciting prostitution from an underage girl under Florida state law, and served only 13 months in prison. In addition, prosecutors agreed not to bring charges against Epstein's alleged co-conspirators.

Link: https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/jeffrey-epstein-decade-scandal-prince-andrew

Papers filed in a 2006 lawsuit alleged that Epstein surreptitiously recorded sexual activity between prominent individuals and underage girls for purposes of blackmail, leaving many to wonder whether potential blackmail material played a role in his light sentence:

Link: http://www.ibtimes.com.au/prince-andrew-might-have-been-caught-tape-sex-slave-1407641

Expedited Processing

This request has been the subject of the request is of widespread and exceptional media interest and the information sought involves possible questions about the government's integrity which affects public confidence. Specifically; the issue of whether Mr. Epstein's wealth and connections secured him favorable treatment by the DOJ.

Given that a civil defamation trial between one of Epstein's victims and his alleged co-conspirator, Ghislaine Maxwell, has just begun, the topic is of renewed interest to the public and therefore is worthy of expedited processing.

Certification

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Fee Waiver

The National Enquirer is a news organization. Under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii), the *Enquirer* is entitled to a fee waiver because disclosure of the information sought is in the public interest, is likely to contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations or activities of the government, and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Electronic Records

Please furnish all responsive records in electronic format.

Further Correspondence

All correspondence regarding this request can be directed to me at jrobertson@amilink.com

Please be aware that under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A), a FOIA request is considered constructively denied after twenty business days.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

James Robertson
Senior Managing Editor

PRESERVING MONGOLIAN SOVEREIGNTY AND CULTURE

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

The sovereignty of Mongolia is under siege.

The People's Republic China (PRC) regards Mongolia as its "Ukraine"[i], [ii]. Covertly the PRC has ambitions not simply to make Mongolia a client or puppet state, as it was under Soviet domination, but to integrate it with the PRC through a "voluntary" referendum, just as the Russians engineered the assimilation of Crimea in 2014.

This was Mao Tse-tung's prophecy and intent once China could establish parity or surpass Soviet military and economic might.[iii]

As the world's attention is focused on China's South China Sea claims, an asymmetrical war is also being conducted by the PRC to achieve Mongolian assimilation. Russian influence is being marginalized, as are Mongolia's '3rd Neighbor' partners such as Japan, South Korea, Germany, and the US[iv]. China's penetration and Sinification of Mongolia's natural resources, financial system, businesses, infrastructure, media, social media, culture, religion, security, electoral system, and political body are each battle fronts in a multi-pronged asymmetrical campaign to isolate and then assimilate Mongolia[v].

Preserving Mongolian sovereignty demands a global awareness of the PRC's covert intent. An education campaign is needed both within Mongolia and globally to counter a) the PRC's revisionist historical justification for claiming Mongolia as their Crimea[vi] and b) the PRC's effort to isolate Mongolia and control all aspects of Mongolia's economy, resources, politics, and culture.

Without a counter-campaign Mongolia will in a decade's time be assimilate and Sinicized like Inner Mongolia and Manchuria[vii]. Mongolians will become strangers in their own land.

China's assimilation of Mongolia will not only be a tragedy for the Mongolian people and the hope for Central Asian democracy, but a threat to the balance of power in Eurasia.

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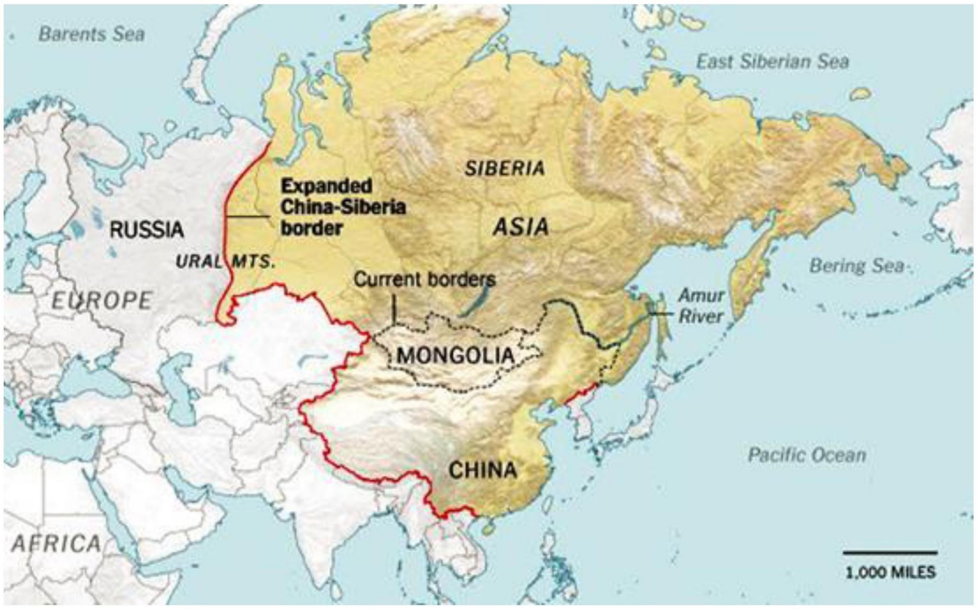
[i] In negotiations in 1956 between the Soviets and the PRC, the Soviet negotiator, Sergo Mikoyan, and CCP Politburo member Liu Shaoqi and Premier Zhou Enlai, the Chinese hoped to connect the granting of Mongolia independence with the question of Stalin's "mistakes." The Chinese requested the Soviets cancel Mongolia independence in the wake of Khrushchev's condemnation of Stalin's personality cult. Liu Shaoqi drew a parallel between Mongolia and Ukraine. He declared that Mongolia was China's "Ukraine". Source: "New Documents on Mongolia and the Cold War" by Sergey Radchenko, Wilson Center Cold War International History Project Bulletin, Issue 16, page 343 and Document 1, https://www.wilsoncenter.org/sites/default/files/CWIHPBulletin16_p4_1.pdf.

[ii] In 26 February 1989 Deng Xiaoping in a revealing complaint to President Bush showed enduring Chinese views on Mongolia in regard to how Stalin had stolen or severed Mongolia from China. "Memorandum of Conversation between George H. W. Bush and Chairman Deng Xiaoping in Beijing", Wilson Center, February 26, 1989, http://digitalarchive.wilsoncenter.org/document/116507.pdf?v=9e009d7beac46b3b33fcaafd3bcd08f5.

[iii] On 2 September 1964 during Mao's talk with the Japanese group of socialists, Mao announced that much of Siberia and Far East once belonged to China: "About a hundred years ago the area of to the east of Baikal become the territory of Russia and from then on Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Kamchatka and other points are the territory of the Soviet Union. We have not yet requested settling this account!" The publisher of the article writes that Mao makes this claim based on "the fact that many hundreds of years ago Chinese troops came to these areas and that once the Chinese Emperor collected tribute from the local people. Sournce: "In connection with Mao Tse-tung's talk with a group of Japanese socialists", Novosti Press Agency Publishing House, 2 September 1964, page 9 and 20, https://ia801207.us.archive.org/0/items/MaosTalkWithJapaneseSocialists/Maos%20Talk%20with%20Japanese%20Socialists.pdf.



[iv] "Battered Mongolia faces make-or-break moment" by Ken Koyanagi, Financial Times, 5 February 2017, https://www.ft.com/content/36b059b4-ea10-11e6-893c-082c54a7f539.

[v] "China-Mongolia Relations: Challenges and Opportunities" by Zolzaya Erdenebileg, China Briefing, 6 January 2017, http://www.china-briefing.com/news/2017/01/06/china-mongolia-relations.html.

[vi] Throughout history, Han Chinese have only controlled Mongolia for less than 18 months and that military effort was, ironically, financed by the Imperial Japanese Army.

[vii] "Inner Mongolia has become China's model of assimilation" by Hohhot and West Ujimqin, The Economist, 1 June 2017, http://www.economist.com/news/china/21722853-chinese-mongolians-are-still-asserting-their-identity-inner-mongolia-has-become-chinas-model.

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Martin A. Schmidt, Provost
Maria T. Zuber, Vice President for Research

Dear colleagues,

We are writing to alert you to an issue that threatens all of MIT's federally funded research activities but that is often underappreciated. We're referring to the Trump Administration's proposal to put a 10 percent cap on indirect cost reimbursements to universities by the National Institutes of Health – an idea that is already beginning to be talked about for other federal agencies as well.

An article explaining indirect costs and why they are important to MIT can be found in the most recent Faculty Newsletter: http://web.mit.edu/fnl/volume/295/zuber.html.

The Administration's proposed cuts to federal R&D agency budgets have rightly been met with consternation on campus. The indirect cost cap proposal is actually an even graver danger because it is easier for the government to institute, and it would do far-reaching damage that is harder to reverse. We need faculty and research staff to understand the devastating effects that capping indirect cost would cause to MIT and other research institutions.

The indirect cost cap is easier to implement than a cut to the budget because the Administration can act unilaterally without Congressional approval. The proposed agency budget cuts are already running into strong headwinds on both sides of the aisle in Congress, and they cannot move forward without 60 votes in the U.S. Senate. The indirect cost cap, by contrast, does not attract the same level of attention because it is not well understood, and the Administration can simply impose a cap – at a single agency, or at all of them (since indirect cost reimbursement is fairly uniform across the government now).

What would a 10 percent cap mean for MIT? A 10 percent cap on all federal agencies would cost MIT around $100 million a year. To put that in context, the financial crisis of 2008, where we saw a significant decline in endowment, required us to reduce spending by this same order of magnitude. Fortunately, the recovery of the endowment was relatively quick, and we were able to recoup some of that loss. In this case, the 10 percent cap is unlikely to be altered in the foreseeable future. Since this is a recurring cost, attempting to recover this in the future through endowment payout would require on the order of an additional $2B in endowment. These indirect cost funds partially reimburse MIT for upkeep of research buildings and equipment, and literally keeping the lights and heating and cooling systems on. A portion of the money also pays administrative costs required to implement federal regulations and to provide staff who help apply for and monitor federal grants.

A cap on indirect costs would directly affect research and researchers. If MIT failed to receive the federal funds needed to operate research infrastructure, we would need to limit the number of federal grants that the Institute accepts. It would be necessary to introduce a process analogous to under-recovery of foundation proposals to identify the indirect costs to support each federal grant. While we would seek other ways to raise revenues, we would also need to cut other expenditures (e.g., through layoffs, salary freezes, etc.), reduce the use of research facilities to cut operating costs, and/or to allow facilities to deteriorate. All of our peer institutions are considering similar steps. In short, a cut to indirect costs is a cut to research funding. And it’s a cut that’s more difficult to handle than a decision by a federal agency not to fund a particular project in a given year.

The percentage of federal research funding that goes to indirect costs has remained relatively steady for decades, and there has been a federal cap on administrative costs since the 1990s. The Administration may hope that a proposed cap on indirect costs is seen as mitigating the impact of their proposed 22% reduction of the NIH budget. Although it may obscure this impact, in reality it will worsen it. The Administration is claiming that a cut to indirect costs will not cut research, but in truth without indirect cost recovery, academic institutions, including MIT, will not be able to afford to support current levels of federal grants.

The MIT administration is working on this matter with the urgency that it deserves. Let us be clear that no one on campus should be blasé or unconcerned about the proposal to cap indirect costs. Capping these costs will negatively impact every researcher at MIT.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments. We will keep you informed as this situation evolves.

Sincerely,

Martin A. Schmidt
Maria T. Zuber

From: Lisa New[redacted]
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Dear Jeffrey: *(and please see personal P.S. under my signature!)*

I am writing now, as I have for the last several years, to update you on the work that Poetry in America and Verse Video Education have done in the last year. Below, I detail the accomplishments of 2017 and, below that, some projects I hope to complete in 2018. But first: my deepest thanks to you who have contributed financially, intellectually, creatively, and in so many other ways to Poetry in America's work.

Some of you receiving this letter have generously supported Verse Video Education, the independent non-profit production company (a 501c3) I founded in 2015. Verse Video Education now partners with WGBH television as well as with Harvard University (and others) to make the highest quality educational media for broad audiences. Whether you supported me by sharing your own interpretive talents on camera or by helping me to land elusive talent; whether you provided me funding, or equipment, or business wisdom, or organizational advice,
or a space in which to film, or just plain interest in the work-- I am immensely grateful. Making media-- and especially television-- is complex, and expensive, and I could not have navigated the road from professor to professor/producer/director without you.

Others of you have supported my humanities work at Harvard, and, in particular, Harvard's efforts to provide distance education of all kinds. Now (along with partners at the Bok Center, HarvardX, the Graduate School of Education, and the Extension School), I produce educational content for a wide global community of learners. Increasingly, Poetry in America not only distributes state-of-the-art humanities content within and beyond Harvard's gates, but we also train, mentor, and support a growing number of Harvard undergraduates and graduate students with interests in education, media, and the public humanities. These students now comprise a vibrant community of young Harvard humanists gaining experience in online teaching, curriculum design, educational policy, international education, video production, video editing, and more. By supporting Poetry in America, you
also support forward-looking humanities education at Harvard. (Update: those of you who are alumni of Harvard College are now eligible to receive class credit for your donations to Poetry in America projects.)

It's thrilling for me to report that our two largest efforts of the last few years are both coming to fruition.

Poetry in America's 13-episode television series, along with its parallel PBS LearningMedia Collection for educators, will air on PBS stations nationwide beginning in April 2018. Click here for a sneak peek at our 90-second series trailer (password: Poetry90). Featuring such guest interpreters as those in the trailer-- and dozens of others-- each half-hour episode of the series offers a deep dive into one important American poem. Discussions on a second season have begun!

Meanwhile, our Harvard partners at the Extension School and the Graduate School of Education have agreed, for a limited time, to make the full suite of Poetry in America online courses accessible to learners all over the world, offering a steep reduction in course fees. Students and teachers worldwide can now take any Poetry in America course-- at any credit level-- for $200. (Take a look at our 2018 offerings here.) Those of you who support individual schools or school networks: please note that through 2018 groups of five teachers or students can take any Poetry in America course for $1000 and receive graduate, undergraduate, or professional development credit-- and, that group's facilitator can receive free tuition. Please feel free to distribute our offerings to educators whose work you support anywhere in the world.

Harvard's highly unusual decision to slash tuition for the next year follows the great success of Poetry in America's first course for educators-- Poetry in America for Teachers: The City from Whitman to Hip Hop. In recognition of this course, David Coleman (president of the College Board) has offered support to allow us to continue developing and providing access to the highest quality educational and professional development humanities content. In 2018, as I lay out below, we seek to expand the scope of our offerings, and to work with our many partners to broaden access to all learners.

Thank you for your support for this work, and warmest best to you all in this holiday season.

Sincerely,
Lisa

P.S. and thank you so much, Jeffrey, for your amazing support , without which much of what I've managed in the last few years would never have happened. My next course for teachers, , as you'll notice, has shifted from art to environment--not because of any less passion on my part for arts content but really because of greater enthusiasm among others for poetry/science for the classroom. I would like to hear more from you about what you think kids/schools need in this area. Larry tells me you have views; as I move out of my central areas, I will need advice xxoolisa

POETRY
IN AMERICA

Poetry in America is now raising funds to complete an exciting group of new projects. Those in the pipeline include:

The Poetry of Earth, Sea and Sky
With commitments now in from the Poetry Foundation, Harvard's Center for the Environment, NextGen Climate, Nautilus Magazine, and more, Poetry in America is now embarking on the development of our second course specifically for teachers: Poetry in America for Teachers: The Poetry of Earth, Sea and Sky. This course will offer teachers innovative ways to blend humanities and science instruction and will provide them with classroom-ready materials. Via our partnership with the Bok Center, Harvard College and GSAS students will have the opportunity to build content, and skills, as they craft media, curriculum, and digital architecture for this second Poetry in America course for teachers.

Medicine and Media
In partnership with Harvard-trained physician and ER creator Neal Baer, poet-physician Rafael Campo, the Arts and Literature Initiative of Harvard Medical School, and the Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning at Harvard, Poetry in America will develop media around humane communication for medical practitioners and students. Our initial collection of content will focus on breast cancer health and LGBTQ health, and this project will provide the opportunity for students at Harvard Medical School and in the college to explore deeper registers of communication on vital matters of health. Content developed for this project has the potential to become a television episode.

Poetry in America for Chinese Learners
With seed funding from a Harvard graduate, Poetry in America is now developing content in a variety of formats (for-credit courses as well as short-form video assets to stream on internet platforms) for Chinese learners. Content will aim to offer new modes of humanities instruction to a broad global audience. We hope to expand our offerings beyond poetry to include other content in the humanities, including material on Shakespeare and World Literature.

Poetry in America: the Television Series (Season 2)
Plans for Season 2 are developing, and we hope to embark on a second season as soon as funds allow. On-camera interpreters already filmed or ready to film with us include Katie Couric, Yang Lan, Billy Collins, Julie Taymor, Yusef Komunyakaa, Eve Ensler, Ray Dalio, Kay Redfield Jamison, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Al Gore, Jorie Graham, Maurice Clarett, Jason Collins, Neal Baer, Danielle Ofri, Tom Steyer, and many others.

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January 2018

Estate Planning After the Enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

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On December 22, 2017, President Trump signed the "Tax Cuts and Jobs Act" into law. The new legislation represents a compromise between House and Senate Republicans on their respective tax overhaul proposals, and is the most significant tax reform legislation to be enacted in over thirty years. Although the inherent complexities of the new legislation, combined with the whirlwind pace of its passage, poses many questions for analysts and tax practitioners alike as they begin to navigate the new tax system, we do have an understanding of what the new law will mean for high net worth individuals interested in advancing their estate planning goals.

Most of the provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act") became effective on January 1st, and will sunset (or default to prior law) after December 31, 2025, absent further congressional action. In addition to extensive income tax related changes, including modifications to the individual and corporate income tax rates, doubling of the standard income tax deduction, capping of the state and local tax deduction, elimination of the personal income tax exemption, increase in the exemption for the alternative minimum tax, and decrease in the mortgage interest deduction, the Act temporarily doubles the federal estate, generation-skipping transfer ("GST") and gift tax exemption amounts, thereby offering high net worth families enhanced planning opportunities.

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attached a message i just sent to President Struppa of Chapman—i am certain that your gift will do the trick—and that the West Coast is indeed more convivial and supportive than the East

i hope i did not f… up your contact with Finkelstein

Carlos told me of the devastation to your island—pretty much as i feared

am amused (at a safe distance) as Bannon takes on Trump—he responds as he always does, threatening a suit he will not in fact file

no internet in my home or nearby in the great, retarded country of Jamaica so i am now at a restaurant some 35 minutes away and only go on-line twice a day—hoping that i will work instead

all best

TAX BULLETIN 2018-1

JANUARY 2, 2018

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TAX REFORM SIGNED INTO LAW

OVERVIEW

Without much fanfare but with typical political controversy, the House and Senate successfully reconciled their respective tax bills and the new tax legislation (the "Act"), was signed into law by President Trump on December 22nd, 2017. House and Senate conference committee members leaned in favor of many provisions contained in the Senate proposal. A significant move in that direction was retaining the elimination of the Affordable Care Act's individual mandate (the penalty for failing to maintain minimum essential health care coverage) and using the Senate's methodologies for taxing income from pass-through businesses (though some elements of the House bill entered into the computation). In other circumstances, a true compromise was reached, such as meeting in the middle on modifications to mortgage interest deductibility.

In order to abide by Senate budget reconciliation rules and ensure the Act does not result in budget deficits outside the 10-year budget window, the Act makes almost all changes to individual income tax provisions temporary – nearly all expire at the end of 2025. No doubt, this will create tax complexity and political difficulties. On the other hand, most corporate provisions are permanent. This Tax Bulletin 2018-1 summarizes certain provisions of the Act and adds observations on income, estate and pass-through taxation.[1]

INDIVIDUAL TAXES

	2017 Law[2]	2018 Law[3]
Individual Tax Rates	10, 15, 25, 28, 33, 35, 39.6%	10, 12, 22, 24, 32, 35, 37% Top rate would apply to income over $600,000 for married filing jointly; $500,000 for single.[4]
Standard Deduction	$12,700 ($6,350 if single)	$24,000 ($12,000 if single), enhanced for elderly and blind[4]
Kiddie Tax	Unearned income of a child taxed at parents' tax rate if higher than child's rate	Simplifies kiddie tax by applying trust rates to unearned income of a child[4]
Personal Exemption	$4,050, subject to phase-out	Eliminates; merged with higher standard deduction[4]
Child / Dependent Tax Credits	$1,000, per qualifying child subject to phase-out beginning at $110,000 (married) and $75,000 (single taxpayers)	$2,000 per qualifying child, $500 per non-child dependent; subject to phase-out beginning at $400,000 (married) and $200,000 others[4]
Top Capital Gains/Dividend Tax Rate	20% (plus 3.8% surtax)	Maximum rate of 20% is retained; same breakpoints as current law

INDIVIDUAL TAXES (continued)

	2017 Law	2018 Law
Itemized Deductions	Under the "Pease" limitation, up to 80% of most itemized deductions are lost when adjusted gross income exceeds $313,800 ($261,500 for single taxpayers)	Repeals the Pease limitation on itemized deductions Mortgage interest deduction: $750,000 limit on acquisition indebtedness retained (principal or secondary residence); deduction for home equity loan repealed Deduction for state and local income, sales tax and real property taxes limited to $10,000 in aggregate ($5,000 for married filing separately); deduction allowed for state and local taxes on trade or business or if related to production of income. Payment of income taxes in 2017 for a subsequent year would not be deductible in 2017.[4] Deduction for medical expenses retained and liberalized for 2017 and 2018 .[4]
Retirement Savings	Contributions can be placed into deferred account, up to contribution cap	Unchanged
AMT	Parallel tax calculation with top rate of 28% and $84,500 exemption for married taxpayers ($54,300 others); phase out of exemption begins at $160,900 for married taxpayers ($120,700 others)	Retains and modifies AMT; exemptions raised to $109,400 (married) and $70,300 (others); phase-out of exemption begins at $1 million for married taxpayers ($500,000 others).[4]
Carried Interest	Retains character as capital gain and eligible for preferential tax rates	Requires three-year holding period to attain long-term capital gains rate
Investment Surtax	3.8% tax on "net investment income"	Unchanged – continues to apply

OBSERVATIONS – INDIVIDUAL TAXES

Under the Act, there will be winners and losers on the personal income tax side. Generally, wage earners from no-tax states[5] could see tax savings under the Act. For instance, a Florida taxpayer earning $1 million with moderate itemized deductions may see a tax savings of about $30,000 under the Act. A similar taxpayer in New York State may see a savings of about $3,500 according to our preliminary analysis.[6]

Conversely, very high-wage earners from high-tax states could see a higher tax bill. A taxpayer earning $3 million in New York City may see a significant tax increase: $44,000 under the Act, due in part to the loss of significant deductions. A similar taxpayer in Florida would see a tax savings of about $91,000 under the Act (primarily due to the lower top rate, elongated 35% tax bracket and regaining itemized deductions that are no longer phased-out), according to our preliminary analysis.

Married couples could fare worse than two single taxpayers with a similar amount of income. The so-called marriage penalty hits particularly hard under the new tax brackets. The penalty is also exacerbated by permitting married couples only a $10,000 state income/real estate tax deduction, but allowing each of two single filers a deduction in the same amount ($20,000 combined). Under the changes, a single taxpayer with $500,000 of wages living in a state that imposes a state income tax (and $10,000 of charitable deductions) would pay a federal tax of about $143,690. Two single taxpayers would pay a total of twice that, or $287,380. However, if these two taxpayers were married, their joint tax liability would jump to $298,280, an increase of $10,900.

It appears that state of residence, type of income (wages versus new "qualified business income"), and mortgage interest will be among the most important factors for determining whether one is better or worse off under the Act.

Capital Gains. Although income tax rates and tax brackets will significantly change in 2018, the long- term capital gains rate will remain the same. The income limits for imposing the 15% and 20% capital gain rates will also remain the same; the 20% rate will apply when taxable income exceeds $479,000 (for married filing jointly). However, the Act's combination of lower rates and fewer deductions could mean that a taxpayer's "taxable income" could rise in 2018, meaning the taxpayer would expose more capital gain to the 20% bracket.

3.8% Surtax. The Act does not directly change the 3.8% surtax imposed on "net investment income." However, it indirectly changes it. When calculating a taxpayer's net investment income, a taxpayer can deduct investment expenses (after application of the 2% floor) and deductible state income taxes, to the extent those are properly allocable to net investment income. The deductibility of those two expenses changes in 2018 -- investment expenses are nondeductible, and state income taxes (with other state taxes) are limited to $10,000. Those expenses might not reduce net investment income in 2018, and as a result the 3.8% surtax might increase.

WEALTH TRANSFER TAXES

	2017 Law	2018 Law
Estate / Gift / GST Tax	40% rate, $5,490,000 exemption (indexed for inflation)	Commencing 2018, exemption for estate, gift and GST tax doubled from $5.6 million to $11.2 million (indexed for inflation) Enhanced exemption expires at the end of 2025
Tax Basis Upon Death	Step-up for estate property	Same as current; step-up for estate property

OBSERVATIONS – WEALTH TRANSFER

The transfer tax proposals in the Act extend the already limited reach of the federal estate, gift and GST taxes to even a smaller subset of only the wealthiest of taxpayers. There would be a temporary doubling of the exemptions until the end of 2025, reverting to current law in 2026. The step-up in basis at death would continue the entire time. Given the high exemption amounts ($11.2 million for individuals and $22.4 million for a married couple in 2018), that would effectively repeal the tax for most people. This change would have a significant effect on both testamentary and lifetime estate planning.

Testamentary planning. It is common for wills and other testamentary documents (such as revocable trusts) to contain dispositions that reference the estate (and GST) exemptions that are in effect at death. These so-called "formula" provisions would automatically adjust for changes in the exemption amounts. While this may achieve a beneficial tax result, the temporary doubling of the exemptions may also cause unintended consequences to the dispositive plan. For example, a common plan is to leave an amount equal to the estate exemption to a bypass trust, and the balance for the surviving spouse, either outright or in a marital trust. For a hypothetical $10 million estate, if death occurred in 2017 that would result in roughly half to the bypass trust and half to the spouse. However, if death occurs in 2018 to 2025, that would result in the entire estate being left to the bypass trust. Complications could further arise for individuals living in certain states which impose their own estate tax. Wills and other testamentary documents should be reviewed to make certain they accurately reflect the testator's wishes. As always, documents should be drafted with flexible provisions that can be adjusted for future changes.

Lifetime planning. Lifetime gifts are often made in order to reduce the estate tax that would otherwise be incurred at death. While the doubling of the exemptions may avoid the need for lifetime gifting for certain individuals, that may only be the case if death occurs before 2026. Accordingly, the tax consequences of making a current gift may have to be compared with alternative estate tax scenarios. The temporary nature of the increase in transfer tax exemptions also raises the issue of whether it is advisable to lock-in the higher exemption by making a lifetime gift before 2026. (Similar issues arose in 2012, when there was uncertainty whether the $5 million estate exemption would continue in 2013.) This raises the question of whether the gift could be structured in a manner that could be "undone" if the higher exemption is made permanent. It also raises the question of whether there would be recapture (so-called "clawback") if a lower exemption is in effect at death. In that regard, it appears that the new legislation would eliminate the concern about recapture. In sum, the uncertainty of the estate exemption amount at death will make lifetime planning more challenging.

CORPORATE TAXES

	2017 Law	2018 Law
Top C-Corporate Rate	35%	21% (effective 2018)
AMT	Parallel tax calculation with top rate of 20%	Eliminates corporate AMT
Business Investments	Limited immediate expensing; balance subject to depreciation	Immediate expensing for new and used qualified property acquired and placed in service after September 27, 2017 and before January 1, 2023 (Jan. 1, 2024 for certain property) and partial expensing for other property acquired after 2022 and before 2027.
Interest Expense	No limitation	Limited to business interest *income*, plus 30% of a business's adjusted taxable income (EBITDA for 2017-2021 and EBIT thereafter); with special rules for "floor plan financing indebtedness"; full deduction for small businesses with gross receipts of $25 million or less

PASS-THROUGH ENTITY TAXES

	2017 Law	2018 Law
Top Rate: Pass-Through Entities (S-corporations, LLCs, LLPs and Partnerships) / Sole Proprietorships	Subject to tax at individual rates up to 39.6%	An individual taxpayer generally may deduct 20% of domestic qualified business income from a partnership, S corporation, or sole proprietorship.[4] In the case of a taxpayer who has qualified business income from a partnership, S corporation or sole proprietorship, the amount of the deduction is limited to the greater of (i) 50% of the W-2 wages paid by business or (ii) sum of 25% of W-2 wages paid by business and 2.5% of business capital. This wage limitation (i) does not apply if taxpayer's taxable income is less than $157,500 ($315,000 for joint return); (ii) applies fully if taxable income exceeds $207,500 ($415,000 for joint return); and (iii) applies proportionately if taxable income is between those two limits Trusts and estates that own business interests qualify for this deduction Deduction is a post-AGI item, even for taxpayers not itemizing deductions
Pass-Through Entities – Service Businesses	Subject to tax at individual rates up to 39.6%	For "specified service business," (i) the 20% deduction applies fully if taxpayer's taxable income is less than $157,500 ($315,000 for joint return); (ii) there is no deduction if taxable income exceeds $207,500 ($415,000 for joint return); and (ii) there is a partial deduction if taxable income is between those two limits..[4] Service business includes accounting, law, consulting, investing, etc., but excludes engineering and architecture services

OBSERVATIONS – PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES

As originally proposed, the House and Senate took fundamentally different approaches to the taxation of pass-through entities (sole proprietorships, partnerships, LLCs, LLPs and S-corporations). While they differed from each other, they shared the goal of creating preferential treatment for certain pass-through business income. The Act largely took the Senate's approach but adopted a few elements of the House's approach. The Act approaches small business relief by permitting a non-itemized deduction of 20% of qualified business income; the remaining 80% would then be subject to normal tax rates. Therefore, the top tax rate for business income would be 29.6% (80% x 37% = 29.6%). The provision is riddled with a host of complex limitations. For taxpayers not in the top income tax bracket, the value of the deduction will depend on the marginal bracket that would otherwise be imposed on the income.

Owners of service businesses (e.g., law, accounting and consulting, etc., but not engineering or architectural services) generally would be eligible for the 20% deduction unless taxable income exceeds $315,000 for married filing jointly ($157,500 for others). The benefit of the 20% deduction is phased out and fully eliminated over the next $100,000 of taxable income for married filing jointly ($50,000 for others). The following is a simple example for a pass-through entity.

> ***EXAMPLE***
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> H and W file a joint return on which they report taxable income of $200,000 (determined without regard to this provision). H has a sole proprietorship that is a qualified business and is a "specified service business." W is an employee and receives only W-2 wages from her job.
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> H's qualified business income is $150,000. 20 percent of the qualified business income is $30,000. Because H and W's taxable income is below the $315,000 threshold amount for a joint return, (i) the wage limit does not apply to H's qualified business, and (ii) the limitation applicable to specified service businesses does not apply. H's deductible amount for qualified business income is $30,000.
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> On their joint return, H & W would qualify for a $30,000 deduction, reducing their taxable income from $200,000 to $170,000. That taxable income would then be subject to regular income rates.

While upper-income wage earners in high-tax states generally do not fare well under the Act, taxpayers with substantial income from pass-through businesses should see a tax benefit compared with current law, since the weighted average rate of business income would be approximately 30%. Capital gains, dividends, and other preferential income from a business would not be considered "business income" and would continue to be taxed at preferential tax rates.

Under the initial Senate version, the pass-through deduction was not available to trusts or estates. Under the Act, however, trusts and estates can benefit from the pass-through deduction.

CORPORATE INTERNATIONAL TAXES

	2017 Law	2018 Law
International Corporate Tax – Scope	Worldwide with deferral available	100% of foreign-source portion of dividends paid by foreign corporation to U.S. corporate shareholder (that owns at least 10%) would be exempt from U.S. taxation
One-Time Deemed Repatriation of Foreign Earnings	No	U.S. shareholders owning at least 10% of a foreign corporation would be taxed on post-1986 net foreign earnings and profits (15.5% on earnings and profits comprising cash or cash equivalents; 8% on remaining earnings and profits); may elect to pay tax over a period of up to 8 years, in annual installments that allow more to be paid at the back end

OTHER PROVISIONS

The Act has other provisions of note that are not included in the charts above.

- **Roth recharacterization no longer allowed**. Under 2017 law, if you converted a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, you could "recharacterize" that conversion within certain time limits, in effect undoing it. For tax years beginning after 2017, the Act repeals this rule, meaning you can no longer recharacterize a Roth conversion. From the current language of the effective date, it is unclear whether this would prevent a 2017 Roth conversion from being recharacterized in 2018.

- **Taxation of alimony.** Under 2017 law, alimony and separate maintenance payments were deductible by the payor and includible in income by the recipient. (Child support payments are not treated as alimony.) The House bill proposed to reverse this treatment, making alimony and separate maintenance payments non-deductible to the payor and non-taxable to the recipient. The Senate bill had no similar provision. The Act generally follows the House bill but delays the effective date by one year, generally being effective for any divorce or separation instrument executed after December 31, 2018.

- **Sale of principal residence exclusion.** Under 2017 law, up to $250,000 of gain ($500,000 if filing jointly) on the sale of a principal residence could be excluded from income. Among the requirements is that the principal residence be owned and used as your principal residence for two out of the last five years. You could use this rule only once every two years. This exemption was available regardless of income. Both the House and Senate Bills proposed that (i) the principal residence must be owned and used as your principal residence for five out of the last eight years and (ii) you can use this rule only once every five years. The House proposal also contained a limit to the exclusion if income exceeded a certain amount. In a surprise, none of these modifications were included in the Act. As a result, no changes were made to the principal residence exclusion rules.

- **Identification of securities sold, exchanged and gifted.** Gain or loss generally is recognized for Federal income tax purposes on the sale of property. A taxpayer's gain or loss on a disposition of property is the difference between the amount realized on the sale and the taxpayer's cost basis in the property. Under 2017 law, if a taxpayer has acquired stock in a corporation on different dates or at different prices and sells or transfers some of the shares of that stock, and the lot from which the stock is sold or transferred is not adequately identified, the shares sold are deemed to be from the earliest acquired shares (the "first-in-first-out" rule; FIFO). However, under 2017 law, if a taxpayer specifically identifies the shares of stock to be sold, the shares of stock treated as sold are the shares that have been identified. The same rules apply to charitable gifts and gifts to trusts or family members. Although the Senate bill had proposed eliminating the ability to specifically identify lots and mandating that the FIFO rule be used, the Act makes no changes; the 2017 rules will remain in place.

- **Like-kind exchanges.** Under 2017 law, real estate and personal property could qualify for a tax-deferred like-kind exchange. The property had to be held either for investment or for use in a trade or business. Under the Act, like-kind exchanges will be available only for real estate, not personal property. This will end, for example, like-kind exchanges of art. This new rule is effective for transfers after 2017. However, there is a transition rule to allow like-kind exchanges of personal property to be completed on a tax-free basis if you either disposed of the relinquished property or acquired the replacement property on or before December 31, 2017.

- **529 Savings Plans.** Under 2017 law, funds in 529 Saving Plans could be withdrawn tax-free if used for higher education expenses. The Act expands the type of expense that can be paid via a 529 Savings Plan and allows up to $10,000 per year to be used for elementary and high school tuition and specifically allows funds to be used for private and religious schools. A provision that would have also allowed funds to be used for home schooling was dropped at the last minute and is not in the final legislation.

- **Charitable gifts**. A charitable contribution deduction is limited to a certain percentage of the individual's adjusted gross income (AGI), and this limitation varies depending on the type of property contributed and the type of exempt organization receiving the property. Under 2017 law, cash contributed to public charities, private operating foundations, and certain non-operating private foundations generally could be deducted up to 50% of the donor's AGI. Under the Act, this 50% limitation is increased to 60%. The provision retains the 5-year carryover period to the extent that the contribution amount exceeds 60% of the donor's AGI.
- **Investment expenses and investment interest.** Under 2017 law, investment expenses were deductible as a "miscellaneous itemized deduction" if, and to the extent, they exceed 2% of AGI. The Act repeals the deduction for "miscellaneous itemized deductions" that are subject to the 2% AGI limitation, such as investment management expenses. Under 2017 law and current law, investment interest is not a "miscellaneous itemized deduction." Therefore, the deduction for investment interest remains untouched and continues to be deductible to the extent of investment income.

CONCLUSION

Given the significant tax changes in 2018, planning will be a challenge. It is important to understand the implications that the Act can have on your particular tax situation.

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[1] Tax Bulletin 2017-5 summarized the key tax provisions in HR1, known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "House Bill"), which was passed (227-205) by the House on November 16, 2017. Tax Bulletin 2017-6 summarized the key tax provisions in the initial Senate bill HR1, also known as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which was subsequently amended and passed (51-49) by the full Senate on December 2, 2017. The final Senate version was similarly summarized in Tax Bulletin 2017-7. Tax Bulletin 2017-8 summarized the reconciled bill agreed to by both chambers. Tax Bulletin 2017-9 summarized the final legislation, including some year-end planning ideas that are no longer relevant.

[2] Inflation-adjusted amounts for 2017.

[3] The name "Tax Cut and Jobs Act" had to be removed; this legislation was signed into law by President Trump on December 22, 2017.

[4] This proposed change would be effective starting in 2018 and would not apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025 (e.g. sunsets at the beginning of 2026).

[5] There are nine states that impose no state income tax: AK, FL, NH, NV, SD, TN, TX, WA and WY (NH and TN impose a tax only on dividends and interest).

[6] This illustration assumes the following itemized expenses: charitable gifts $10,000, real estate tax $30,000 (limited to $10,000 under the proposal), mortgage interest of $15,000, and appropriate state income taxes, where applicable.

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Three short pieces that might amuse you (still working on Obama)

President Obama and Self-deception

All of us are vulnerable to deceit and self-deception. Deception of parents by children actually begins in the womb, when they manipulate the mother chemically into providing greater investment than is in her best interests. It continues at six months of age, developing rapidly to incorporate language, other individuals and self-deception in service of deceit—the better to hide the ongoing deception. Bright people may be more vulnerable to self-deception than dim ones. Certainly more intelligent children (and adult monkeys) practice deception more often.

Presidents are no more immune to self-deception than the rest of us, but it is much more visible to others and has potentially far greater effects. Barack Obama's self-deception, as is often the case, was the downside of a major virtue—the ability to integrate opposing factions.

He gave me a scare when after winning the 2008 election he first emerged at night with his gorgeous family between a set of Greek columns. My God, I thought, so his victory is the culmination of 2000 years of Democracy. Instead of humility he chooses self-exaltation. This is exactly the reverse of what works best. What will come next?

What came next were two mistakes, one with immediate negative consequences and the other requiring 8 years to ripen. The US was in a deep recession, second only to the Great Depression, and a major reason why Obama won. Since 1932 it was well known that the appropriate response was massive government spending directed at the newly unemployed and, if possible, at repairing infrastructure. The unemployed will spend the money at once, giving a multiplier effect. Likewise, infrastructure was badly in need of repair and this costs less when unemployment is high, and also increases employment, again with a multiplier effect.

Howard Stieglitz and Paul Krugman, two superb economists and Nobel Memorial Laureates met with Obama and urged a 1.5 trillion dollar infusion, which would have been almost exactly right. But they had both supported Hillary Clinton in the primaries and so he went with his own advisor, Larry Summers who had a record of major mistakes when working for Bill, not to mention as President of Harvard, so Obama proposed an 800 billion infusion and then made the classic "Barry" mistake by giving 400 billion of it to small business. This was well known to have no positive effect whatsoever. Businesses do not invest during a recession, they wait for demand to return. They are happy to get the money, which they promptly put away in savings where it has no effect. In short, Obama's stimulus was ¼ the size it needed to be. It did reverse the slide downwards leading to years of positive growth but the effect was too weak when needed most and chants of "Yes we can" turned, in effect, to chants of "Yes we can but it sure is gong to take a long time" and the Tea Party swept aside many of his powers in 2010.

Barack was known as "Barry" growing up because his Kenyan father Barack was a "rolling stone that gathered no moss" and his son always had to navigate two worlds without the support of his father. He had all the benefits of outbreeding—tall, good looking and very bright—and his ability to navigate the two worlds propelled him upwards—into Harvard Law School, then first "black" Law Review editor, then Illinois legislator—then his memorable "not Red States nor Blue States but United States" speech at the 2004 Democratic Convention. But always with the flaw of compromising where he should not.

The second major mistake he made right away was to appoint Hillary to be Secretary of State, making peace with his defeated opponent, a nice gesture perhaps but unheard of in US history. Why elevate your opponent? Why indeed. She will be in a lead position to replace you 8 years later but will in fact usher in something far worse. "Crooked" Hillary indeed—not because of some foolishness over e-mails but because she was a life-long enabler of a thoroughly dishonest husband, as when she helped him rebut Jennifer Flowers' irrefutable evidence of infidelity in 1992. Biden, it is widely believed, would have trounced the Republicans in 2016. He is a thoroughly honest and decent man with a lifelong love for his wife and children.

Let us conclude with a minor example—the arrest of Harvard Professor Louis Gates outside his home, six months into Obama's presidency. He did not have to comment on this trivial event but chose to. Corporatist that he is and biased toward the upper strata, he took Gates' side. When there was a hue and cry he arranged a little beer party on the White House lawn—Obama with his long legs underneath the table, Vice President Biden opposite him, a cop wondering how in hell he got roped into this absurd situation and "Skip" Gates happy as a clam in the ocean, all aglow as he held forth on God knows what.

If there was in fact a teachable moment, it was this. ALL Americans should know that no police officer has the right to enter your home without a search warrant or an arrest warrant. This goes way back to English common law—the King must knock at a peasant's door—your home is your castle. The police officer had invited Gates outside. Gates fell for the trick and was promptly arrested. He was the fool, not the cop. And black Americans especially should know the law where police officers are concerned.

Obama draws a line in the sand against Syrian bombings, they cross the line, Obama does nothing. Obama offends Michelle and she promptly puts him through three degrees of hell as he well deserved. And so on.

Finally, I have been dismayed by all the photos I have seen of him since he left office—a big grin while swimming in the ocean, taking a picture of Michelle—at a safe distance—on a super yacht and grinning ear to ear while talking to Prince Harry. He is so happy to be freed from the burdens of the Presidency while enjoying all the perks. May God forgive him. But he did have it all. I used to joke in the 2008 campaign that I liked everything about him except Michelle. People would be all up in my face—what are you talking about? Michelle is beautiful, she is wonderful. Precisely my point, I would say, why does he get to be President AND have Michelle? It isn't right!

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Peter Thiel's Money Talks, in Contentious Ways. But What Does He Say?

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Peter Thiel is Silicon Valley's homegrown Cassandra. He warned for years that the big tech companies were arrogant and clueless and less good for mankind than they believed.

Comeuppance, the billionaire investor warned, was coming.

Trouble has now arrived. Unfortunately for Mr. Thiel, the storm is centered on Facebook, whose board he has been a member of practically since its founding. The social network, which billed itself as bringing democracy and enlightenment to the world, was used by the Russians to subvert democracy and sow confusion in the United States.

Even people paid to see the future didn't see that one coming.

"The board's role is to help think about some of the medium- and longer-term problems coming around the corner," Mr. Thiel said. "We were far from perfect in doing that."

Mr. Thiel, 50, is at the center of nearly every issue that roils Silicon Valley, ranging from the tech elite's fascination with New Zealand hideaways (Mr. Thiel obtained New Zealand citizenship) to Bitcoin (he is a major investor) to the problems of herd thinking (he is moving from San Francisco to Los Angeles to escape it) to the evolving role of content on the internet (he has been exploring the creation of a media company that would outflank Breitbart and Fox for a younger audience).

Two subjects are currently overwhelming everything else: President Trump, whom Mr. Thiel aggressively backed for president, and Facebook, whose core mission is being called into question in the wake of the Russian revelations. In a typical Thiel move — he tends to run toward controversy even as his Silicon Valley peers try to make themselves inconspicuous — he agreed, in a rare interview, to talk about both.

"It's been a crazier two years than I would have thought," Mr. Thiel said in his new Midtown Manhattan apartment, which is so far up in the clouds that it literally looks down on Trump Tower.

Despite the proximity, the mutual enthusiasm between Mr. Thiel and Mr. Trump seems to have cooled. After Mr. Thiel spoke at the Republican National Convention in 2016, there were unsourced media reports that said Mr. Trump wanted to put him on the Supreme Court. But now even photo ops are rare.

The investor said he had last spoken to the president "a few months ago."

"We don't talk that often," he said, but added, "I can get access anytime I want."

The Trump whom Mr. Thiel touted at the Republican convention was a candidate who would "end the era of stupid wars and rebuild our country," move us past "fake culture wars" and start projects the equivalent of the Apollo space program. That does not seem to be the president he got.

"There are all these ways that things have fallen short," Mr. Thiel said. But he said he had no regrets about his endorsement. "It's still better than Hillary Clinton or the Republican zombies," he said, referring to the other candidates.

The White House did not respond to a request for comment.

Mr. Thiel is routinely labeled a libertarian. On a bookshelf in the apartment, as if in confirmation, is a hardback copy of Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged," the bible of the movement. A gift, he said.

A lesser-known but possibly deeper influence was the French philosopher René Girard, who taught at Stanford University when Mr. Thiel was an undergraduate there. For 15 years, on and off, Mr. Thiel sat in on a study group about Mr. Girard's ideas. Mr. Girard believed human beings were deeply mimetic, which is to say they copy one another.

"It's very anti-Ayn Rand: There are no self-contained autonomous figures," Mr. Thiel said. "Our desires are not our own. They get shaped powerfully by the society around us."

It was this illumination that helped him see the potential of Facebook — where people could find out in intimate and addictive detail what their friends were up to — when it was barely a year old. He was the first outside investor, buying 10 percent of the company for $500,000.

He sold most of his holdings in 2012 as Facebook went public. A few months ago, with Facebook's market capitalization at about $500 billion, he sold most of what he had left.

Last summer, there was a flap when a memo by a fellow board member, Reed Hastings, the chief executive of Netflix, appeared in The New York Times. In the memo, Mr. Hastings wrote to Mr. Thiel that he displayed "catastrophically bad judgment" in supporting Mr. Trump.

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's chief executive, did not ask him to step down from the board, and reports that he wants to leave the board are incorrect, Mr. Thiel said, noting that among other things that he brings "ideological diversity." He declined to say exactly how much or what kind of advice the Facebook board was offering Mr. Zuckerberg, but defended the company from criticism that it was slow to wake up to what the Russians did.

"Remember when Trump said the election was going to be rigged? People said that was crazy — 'How dare you question the integrity of the electoral process?' That was the view of most of the people working at Facebook, too," he said. "They did not think things were so hackable. It was a mistake, but an understandable mistake." Facebook declined to comment.

The anger now being turned on Facebook, Mr. Thiel argued, is less about Russia specifically and more about tech arrogance — its failure to do so much for so many. It is a sentiment that helped put Mr. Trump in the White House.

"The Trump campaign slogan, 'Make America Great Again,' was perhaps the single most offensive thing you could say to Silicon Valley," he said. "Silicon Valley says the future is going to be better than the past. That is the propaganda, if you will."

A friend of his in Silicon Valley had the idea of running for governor of California this year. Mr. Thiel's advice was that he had better have a good answer to this question: Why is tech good for the average person in California? The answer, he cautioned, couldn't be a banality, such as "it's making us more connected," and it couldn't be utopian, such as "it's going to cure all diseases."

"He wasn't able to come up with an answer, and I couldn't come up with one, either," Mr. Thiel said. He declined to identify the friend, but it is well known in tech circles that Sam Altman, the president of Y Combinator, the prominent start-up accelerator, was thinking about running. Mr. Altman confirmed it was him and said he had decided not to run "for many reasons."

There is a big painting of a cresting wave in Mr. Thiel's living room, and it might as well be a visual metaphor for what is going on in big tech now.

“Having some ambition that transcends just making money is a critical thing for a company,” he said. “But there is some point where it gets crazy and self-delusional.” He added that the companies “are probably in some trouble — maybe it’s a little, maybe it’s a lot.” The prospect of government regulation looms.

In 2015 and 2016, Mr. Thiel gave $300,000 to Josh Hawley, who was campaigning to become Missouri’s attorney general. Mr. Hawley won, and in November he opened an antitrust investigation of Google. A spokeswoman for Mr. Hawley, a Republican who is now challenging the state’s Democratic senator, Claire McCaskill, said there was “no connection” between Mr. Thiel’s donation and the investigation. Google declined to comment.

The news last month that Mr. Thiel is moving from San Francisco to Los Angeles reflects a shift that is as much mental as literal. Getting out of the tech bubble, he figures, will give him more clarity about his investments.

“Network effects are very positive things, but there’s a tipping point where they fall over into the madness of crowds,” he said.

Another of Mr. Thiel’s contentious ideas was destroying Gawker, the online publisher. He secretly financed the privacy lawsuit that Hulk Hogan, the former pro wrestler, filed against the media company, which Mr. Hogan won. That led to Gawker’s bankruptcy in 2016.

A news operation that specialized in deflating the arrogance of Silicon Valley should have been to Mr. Thiel’s liking. But he argues that his philosophy is consistent here.

“Gawker was trying to cut people down to size for not conforming,” he said. “The ability to speak and not have every word you say get distorted, to have wrong ideas and then be able to correct them — these notions were powerfully undercut by Gawker.”

Mr. Thiel is still pursuing the remnants of Gawker in court, which has prompted accusations that he wants to remove all of its content from the internet as a final victory.

He denied this. “Terry Bollea, a.k.a. Hulk Hogan, is still owed some money from the Gawker sale, and that is what I am trying to get," he said. "I don't want the archives. I don't think it makes sense to destroy them. Preserve them, study them instead."

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Saudi trade continues to gain momentum as we head into March 28 FTSE decision, followed by MSCI in June.
Our base case is for a positive outcome for both EM index reviews.

- **Tadawul +5% past 3 sessions printing new 3 year highs,** Foreign inflows YTD at $1.35bn
- **Recent headline on Aramco**: Saudi Aramco likely to be delayed to 2019. Delay not all together surprising giving complexity of the transaction, delays in choosing the trading venues, as well as to better align the IPO with potential MSCI / FTSE index inflow timelines
- **Crown Prince MBS** will appear on '60 Minutes' on March 18th, one day before he lands in the US for a 10 day tour, meeting Trump on the 20th.
- **Reform agenda picking up speed:** Women Driving; Entertainment/Movie Theaters; Welfare Programs; Market access reforms & Int'l debt issues

Saudi Fundamentals are strong (see Jean-Michel Saliba's report from Jan. 29th below):

- **Growth has bottomed out**
- **OPEC is succeeding at rebalancing the oil market. Fiscal adjustment now sufficient to safeguard stability at cUS$60/bbl.**
- **Equity strategy: remain positive, outlook gains momentum -** We retain our positive view on the Saudi market as we see strong earnings momentum as well as increasing appetite for Saudi equities amongst global investors:

Best way to access the trade: M1SAP (MSCI Saudi Provisional Index)

- 32-name MSCI-owned index, that will rebalance into the full MSCI EM index upon inclusion
- Trades $90m/ day based on bottleneck liquidity
- **Tradable on swap at 1mL+90bps, std comm applies; also accessible on fully funded Luxembourg-listed warrant (MERRI1DT LX)**

10 single stock names to own in Saudi.

- **Al Rajhi**: BAML Top pick for 2018 >> Largest bank in Saudi >> Reflation trade beneficiary >> We see the bank continuing to deliver strong earnings momentum on the back of: (1) Stand out NIM expansion given a unique cost of funding position and further policy rate hikes (2) a continued normalization in asset quality driving CoR lower; (3) Higher loan growth than peers as it benefits from consumer loan growth (particularly housing) whilst taking share in the corporate market and (4) Al Rajhi is set to be a key beneficiary from the potential forthcoming Saudi index inclusions.
- **NCB**: We see NCB as a key beneficiary from the economic diversification program the Government has introduced. Its large balance sheet and resulting ability to finance mega projects should allow it to capture market share in the coming years. Further support will come from having the PIF as a major shareholder. We also see a sublime margin outlook given NCB's ability to benefit from rising interest rates and bond yields.
- **SABIC:** Expect strong earnings momentum in FY18E driven by robust product prices as well as solid plant operations. View company's intent to expand internationally as a catalyst for unlocking balance sheet value. The company is expected to be the largest constituent of Saudi MSCI EM Index (~16%). Shares trade at a 2018E EV/EBITDA of 7.4x, ~20% discount vs global peers.
- **Yansab:** Given robust MEG pricing outlook (40% of profits, prices up 18% YTD) providing a healthy tailwind to earnings this year, we expect an attractive dividend yield of 6% (top quartile globally) in FY18E/19E well supported by FCF yields of 9% and a net cash position.
- **STC**: One of the main beneficiaries of index inflows into Saudi. STC has finally improved management representation to investors with the departure of the previous IR, and new team in place. Significant government receivables recovery to drive stock price for next two quarters, while Careem stake can provide some positive headline risk on valuations.

- **Jarir**: We like Jarir for its potential to increase its market penetration having increased its store count by 13% since August 2017 while maintaining its premium ROE of 53% and attractive dividend.
- **Al Tayyar** : Stock will see a slew of positive catalysts over the next two quarters, particularly a second tranche of substantial gov receivable recoveries in Q1. 130mn SAR loss from associates in 2017 is a one off and should make comps easier this year. Q1 earnings should see the first earnings growth after a very difficult 2 years. Makkah real estate REIT will also provide an uplift.
- **Al Hokair:** has massively under performed in Saudi index and consumer sector and should see substantial improvement in business in 2018 as LFL turns the corner and the company businesses a beneficiary from social reforms in the country. Debt restructuring concerns likely behind us at this point, relief there would be the main catalyst for the name.
- **Malath / Alrajhi Takaful**: 2 of the top motor insurers in Saudi secular growth trend in motor insurance sector over the next two years as the regulator clamps down on more than 50% uninsured drivers while women driving to present multiyear volume growth story.

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GEMs Paper #31

Saudi Arabia: growth bull, fiscal bear

29 January 2018

Key takeaways

- Growth recovers as high oil prices allow looser fiscal, contain near-term deterioration. Mega-projects offer upside potential

- The oil price at which reforms now bring imbalances to low mid-single digit levels moves to US$60/bbl, from US$50/bbl before.
- Earnings momentum, index events make us positive Saudi stocks. Prefer banks, petchems. Top picks: Rajhi, Samba, Yansab, Sabic

FULL REPORT ☰

Macro: sweet spot for now

Economic activity has bottomed out as high oil prices are allowing implementation of looser fiscal policy and containing near-term fiscal deterioration. The government intends to support activity through a) a more gradual pace of fiscal reforms; b) introduction of Household/Cost of Living Allowances and Private Sector Support programs; c) introduction of structural reforms; and, d) the launch of mega-projects. The latter provides most upside potential to our average growth projections of 2.2-2.5%yoy.

Fiscal reforms now need US$60/bbl to safeguard stability

The oil price threshold at which the macroeconomic adjustment brings imbalances to low mid-single digit levels moves to cUS$60/bbl, from our previous assessment of cUS$50/bbl. The revised Fiscal Balance program exposes the budget to volatility in oil prices. Still, there are four ways in which authorities can improve on fiscal dynamics: 1) front-loaded energy pricing reform; 2) privatizations; 3) proceeds from anti-corruption crackdown; and, 4) phasing out of the Royal Order next year.

Equity strategy: remain positive, outlook gains momentum

We retain our positive view on the Saudi market as we see strong earnings momentum as well as increasing appetite for Saudi equities amongst global investors. Our views are based on: (1) attractive valuation, with the Saudi market now trading at a mere 3% premium to GEMs versus a historic premium of more than 30%; (2) improving macro fundamentals; (3) the prospect for accelerating earnings, FCF and dividend growth on the back of reform programs, an expansionary budget and a more pedestrian pace of austerity implementation; and, (4) the potential twin index inclusion events in 2018.

Prefer banks and petchems

Within the Saudi market, our preference lies with companies offering strong earnings and FCF momentum, attractive valuations and dividend yields. In this regard, our sector preference is tilted towards the banks and petchems, who we see as key beneficiaries from the 2018 budget and revised fiscal balance program. We highlight **Al Rajhi** & **Samba** as our top picks amongst the banks, **Yansab** & **SABIC** amongst the petchems. Elsewhere, given the inflationary pressures on operating costs (e.g. expat levies, rising utility costs), we are more selective; focusing on names that are least affected by the regulations and that have attractive company specific growth stories.

Commodities: As good as it gets for OPEC

OPEC is succeeding at rebalancing the oil market. Our supply/demand balances reflect a faster-than-expected market tightening due to improving cyclical conditions, cold winter, and OPEC compliance. A gradual OPEC+ deal exit would keep spot and forward prices in a range with the market in backwardation, and preserve OPEC's long-run market share.

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Opening New MEGA Trade:

Long Saudi Equities (Buy M1SAP on Swap / Liquidity $100mm a Day)

- **Potentially the EM Flow Story of 2018… if FTSE addition is announced on March 28th we expect an inflow of $5bn on a basket which trades 100mm USD a day (50X ADV)… this is even before MSCI announcement in June where inflows could be substantially higher**
- **The Most Powerful Macro Trades are when Macro Fundemantals + Flow Meet… This is Saudi in 2018**

Key Points:

1. **Saudi has significantly underperformed Oil by 14% last 6 months.** With the recent introduction of the citizens account programme, subsidy cuts, pushing out the budget balance to 2023, and the news of increased handouts, Saudi should re correlate with oil and move higher from here.
2. **Saudi equities remain under-owned globally →** foreign ownership of Saudi equities is at 1.3% vs Russia 70%, Turkey 55%, South Africa 50%, Brazil 45%, UAE 20%, Qatar 10%
3. **Good liquidity vs other EMs but volume trading at lows relative to history →** Tadawul ADV close to all-time lows at $1bn (10yr range is $1-8bn)
4. **Major index events in 2018/19 with FTSE announcement on 28th March next catalyst→** FTSE announcement could trigger inflows of up to $5bn . Combined with the MSCI announcement later this year, potential active and passive inflows can total $15-$40bn. **So the potential of at least $20bn inflows on a basket which trades 100mm USD a day (200 Days Volume) ?**
5. In comparison, during the MSCI UAE and Qatar inclusions, UAE was trading 10% below historic avg @14x PE and rerated to 22x into MSCI EM inclusion with Dubai up +110% (vs +47% prev year). Qatar was trading inline with historic avg @11x PE and rerated to 18x MSCI EM inclusion with Qatar up +60% (vs +9% prev year)

6. **Saudi risk indicators at 2015 pre-crisis levels →** Saudi 5yr CDS is trading at 76 vs 40-210 3yr range; SAR 2yr fwd suggests market is less worried about depeg fears and forward points can be used as a macro hedge

7. **Valuations & dividend yields remain attractive →** Market trades at a 10% discount (13.5x) to its historic PE (Saudi PE range is 10-26x). Avg dividend yield is 3.6% with 45 stocks yield more than 4%.

Our Middle East Team ready for Calls - Hamdy Hamoudi in London next week 19th-23rd March. Talal marketing in US 23rd-27th April. Marwan in Trading

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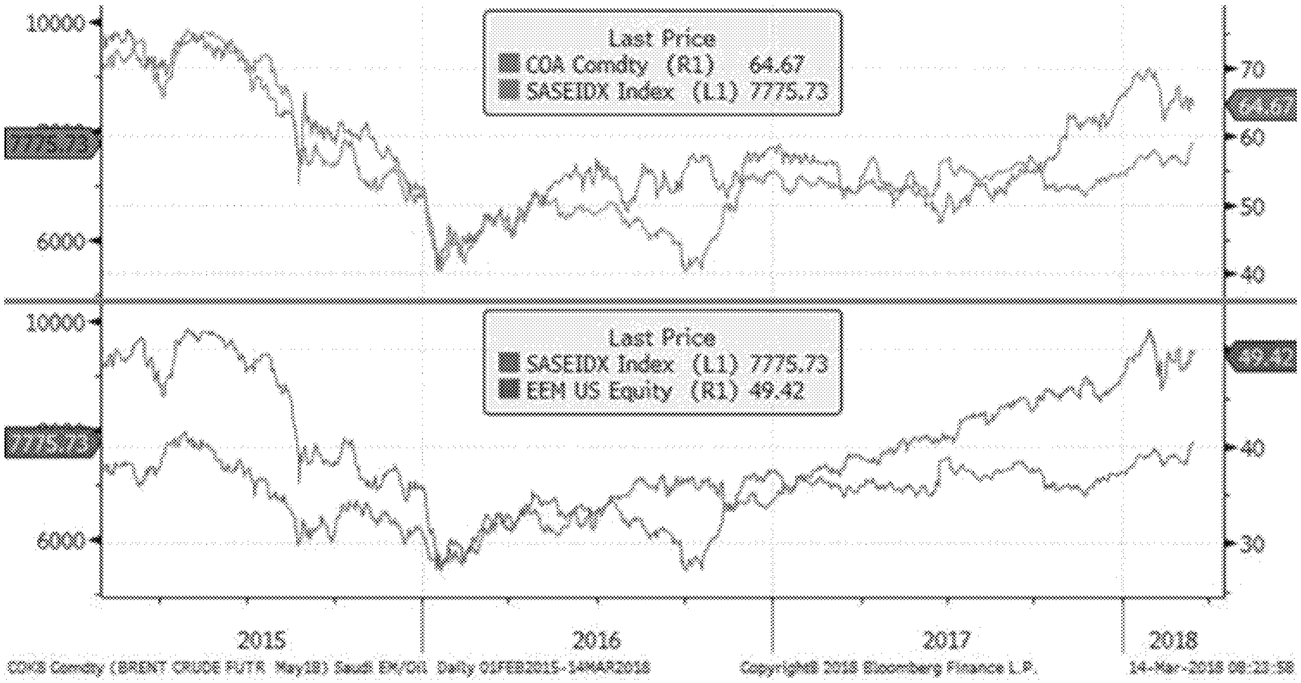
Saudi has underperformed both Oil and EM in the last 6 months



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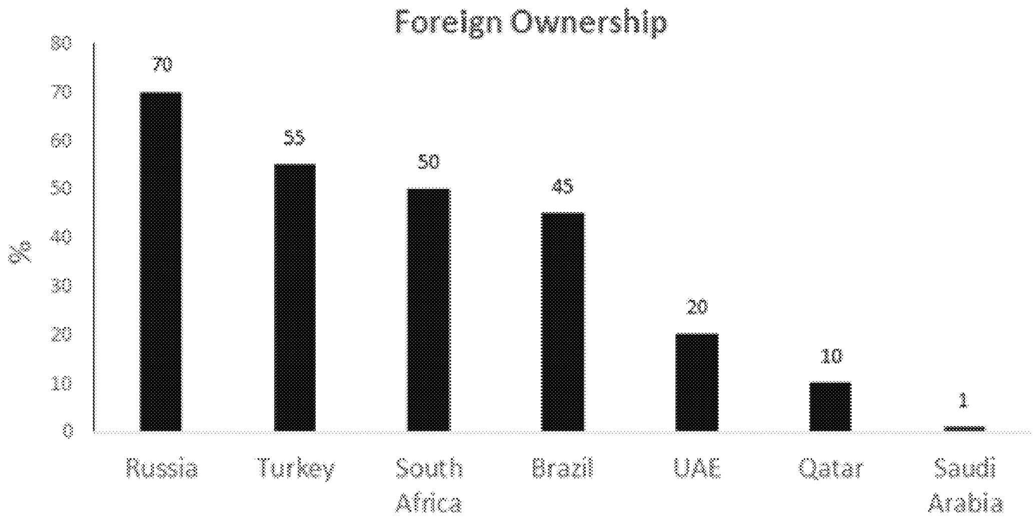
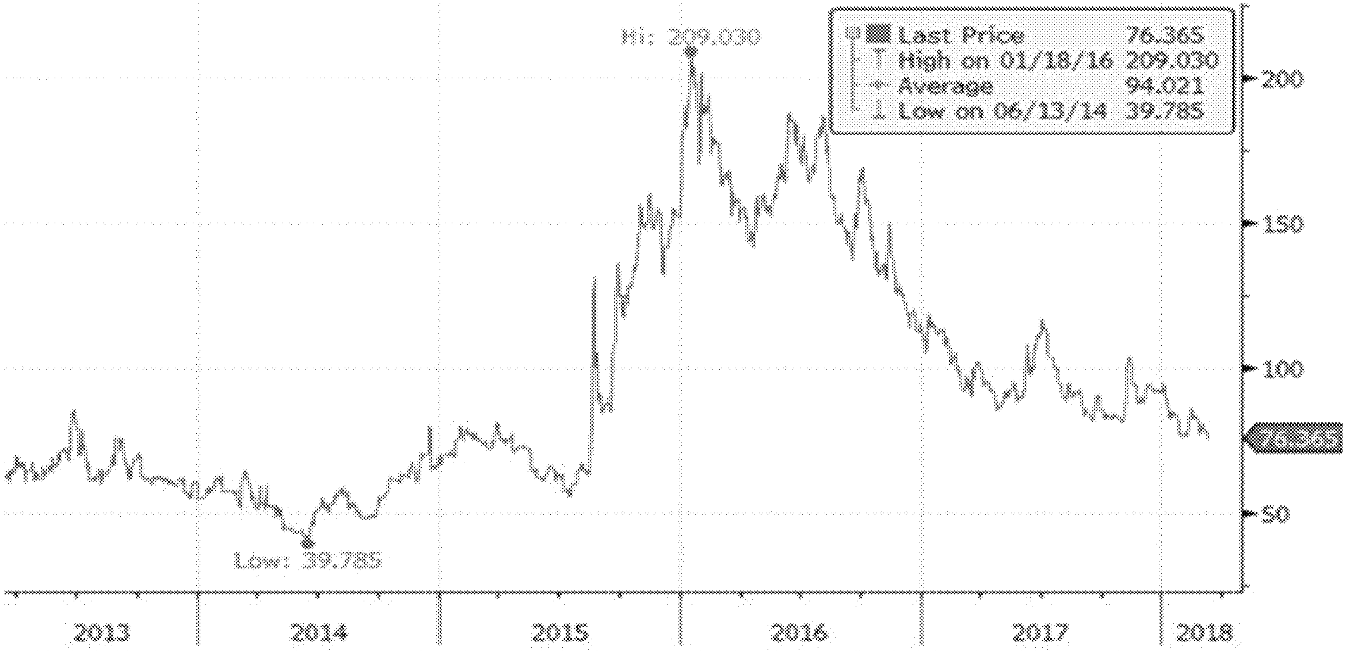


Risk indicators are back to 2015 pre-crisis levels. Saudi 5yr CDS down from 210 to 76 (note 40 was all time low)



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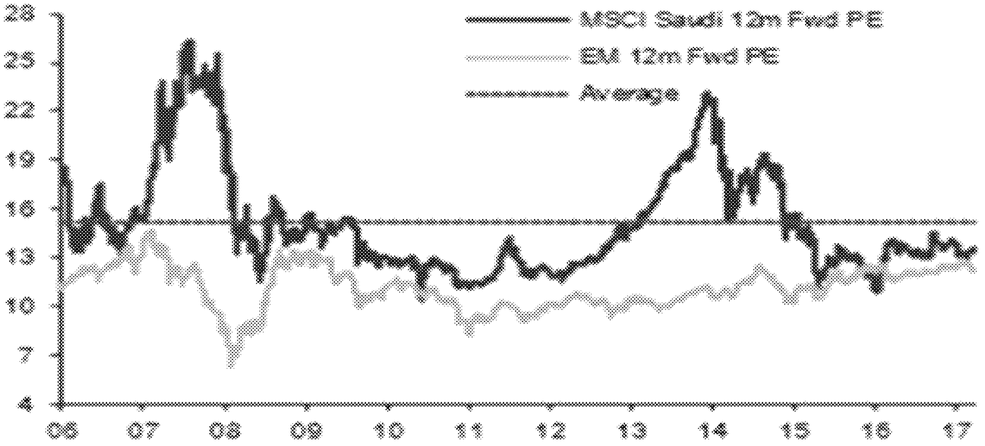
Valuations remain attractive – Saudi trading at 10% below historic PE; Saudi ERR now at 1.22 vs 0.4 in 2016



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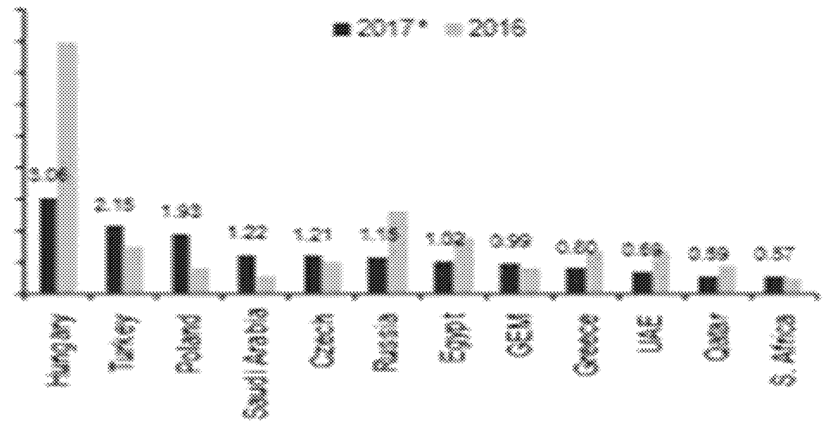

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MEGA Open Trades

Theme/Trade	Trade Expression	Entry Date	Expiry	Entry Level	Current Level	Hit Ratio
We think Fed rates expectations for 2019 remain on the low side with just marginally more than 1 hike priced.	Buy Dec18 Eurodollar Futures (EDZ8) vs Sell Dec19 Eurodollar Futures (EDZ9)	07/02/2018	-	97.63/97.31	97.455/97.125	✔
We do not think the BoE will hike as much as the Fed next year when markets are pricing marginally more from the BoE.	Buy Dec19 Short Sterling futures (L Z9) vs Sell Dec18 Short Sterling Futures (L Z8)	07/02/2018	-	98.76/99.09	98.67/98.98	✔
The risk for equities is a further rise in yields led by higher real rates. Last time 10y real rates were here S&P was closer to 2720.	Long SPX Mar18 2640/2600 put spread	28/02/2018	16/03/2018	10	0.00	✖
We see asymmetry in EURGBP. We expect EUR to react positively if Italy/Germany is neutral/ positive this weekend and ECB pricing to become firmer. On GBP leg, UK political risk remain underpriced with odds of early election in 2018 increasing	Long EURGBP 3m 0.91/0.94 call spread	02/03/2018	-	0.62%	0.45%	✖

MEGA Closed Trades (Hit Ratio Closed Trades = 77%)

Theme/Trade	Trade Expression	Entry Date	Close Date	Entry Level	Close Level	Hit Ratio
Equities set up for hawkish BoE hike. Significant unwinds of FTSE longs into meeting. Dovish hike delivered means Long FTSE remains a catch up trade.	Long FTSE Feb18 7550/7700 call spread for 42 offer (7476 ref) (rolled from Dec, 7460 ref)	02/11/2017	11/01/2018	42	100	✔
Dovish ECB priced in. With a 9x30bn tapering priced, risks skewed to higher core rates and/or tighter spreads both of which benefit SX7E	Long SX7E Feb18 140 calls (rolled from Jan, 134 fut ref)	24/10/2017	25/01/2018	0.9	3.3	✔
We think Fed rates expectations for 2019 remain on the low side with just marginally more than 1 hike priced.	Buy Mar18 Eurodollar Futures (EDH8) vs Sell	11/01/2018	07/02/2018	98.18/ 97.535	98.12/97.31	✔

	Dec19 Eurodollar Futures (EDZ9)					
Positioning short/underweight. Positive news flow for Italy and Spain causing a squeeze in peripheral bonds and equities	Long equal weighted basket of Telefonica; Iberdrola; Enel; Unicredit & Santander	26/10/2017	15/02/2018	97.8	92.9	✖
Rates market continues to re-price ECB. 1y1y Eonia is almost back at recent highs pointing to more upside for SX7E.	Long SX7E Mar18 145 calls (40d, 142 ref)	25/01/2018	22/02/2018	2.85	0.2	✖
Russia is one of the worst performing markets in 2017. Under-positioning and fundamentals getting better	Long equal weighted basket of Russian Oil names: Gazprom, Lukoil, Rosneft	07/11/2017	22/02/2018	98.95	113.04	✔
We think we are entering a period of increasing volatility into the Italian Elections (4th March) and reduce our Long Equity exposure	Long SX5E Mar18 3350 puts (35d vs 3406 ref)	22/02/2018	02/03/2018	39	58.40	✔
We see Political risk underpriced in Europe into 4 March (Italian elections and German SPD member vote)	Short FTSEMIB Index via Mar18 futures (STH8 Index)	22/02/2018	02/03/2018	22505	22005	✔
FTSE is the worst performing major market ytd. Moreover, we see asymmetry in GBP with UK political risk underpriced and BoE hikes overpriced. We do not agree that the BoE can hike more than the Fed next year.	Long UKX Mar18 7375 calls	07/02/2018	02/03/2018	55	1.50	✖
The risk for equities is a further rise in yields led by higher real rates. Last time 10y real rates were here S&P was closer to 2720.	Long SPX Mar18 2750/2700 put spread	28/02/2018	02/03/2018	15	30.40	✔

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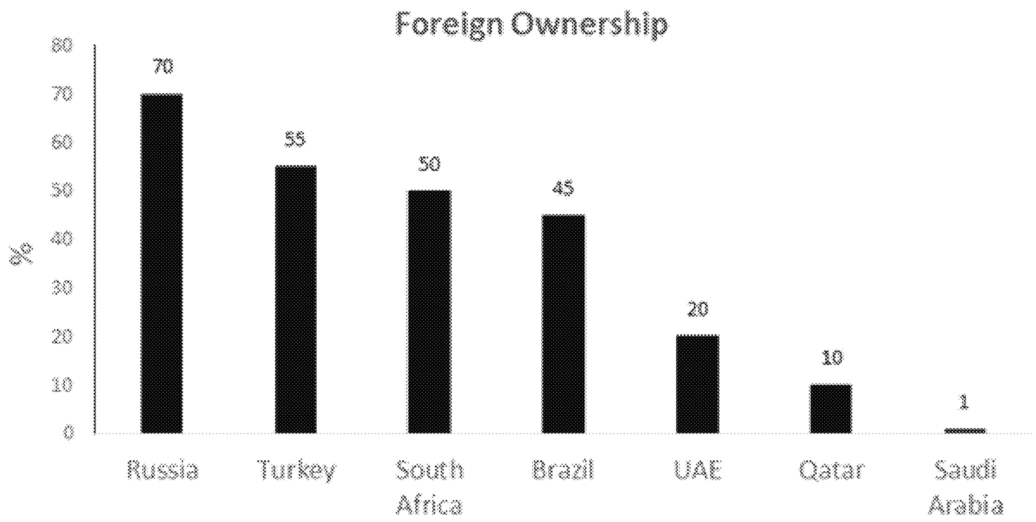
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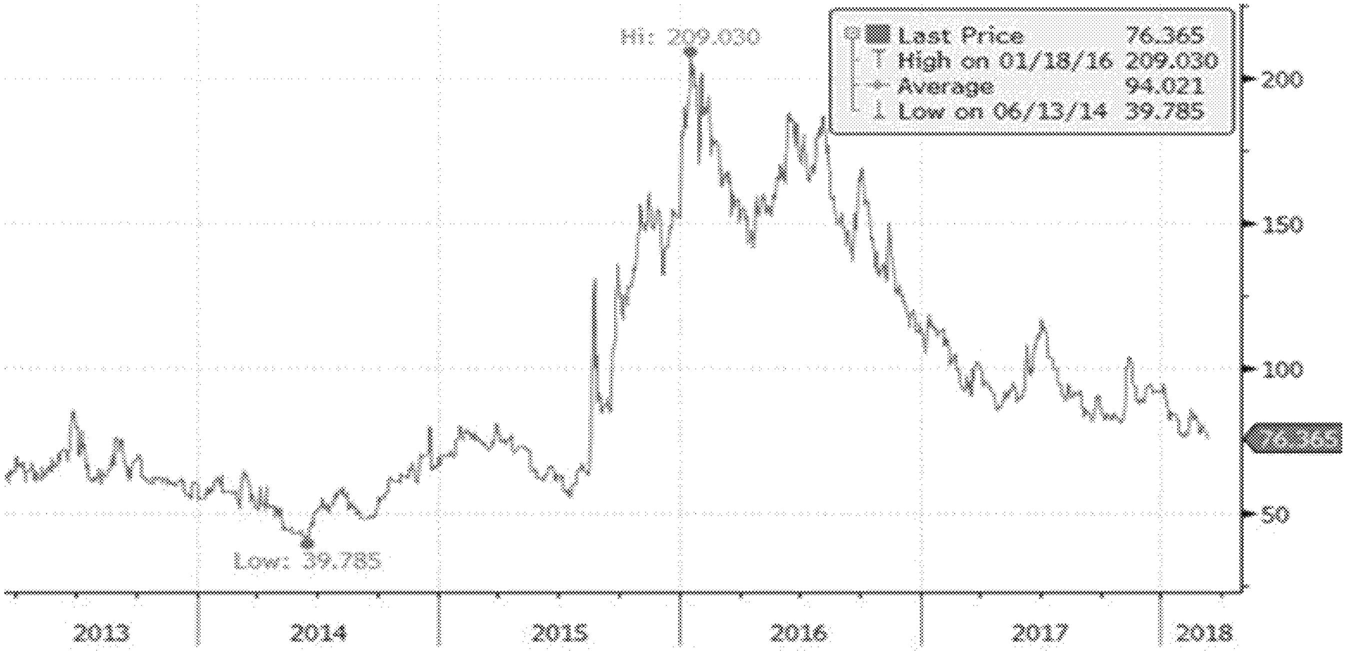

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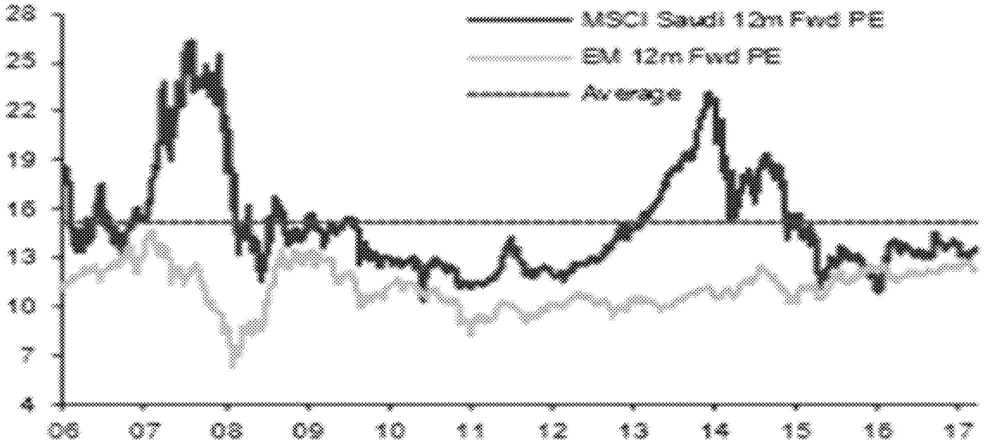

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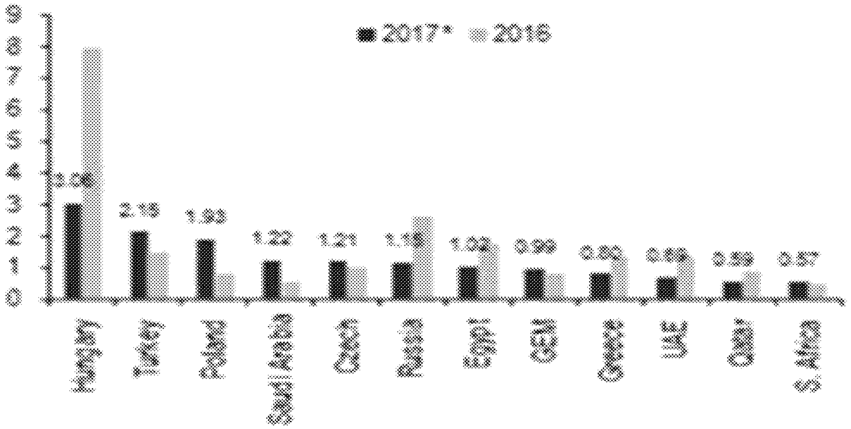

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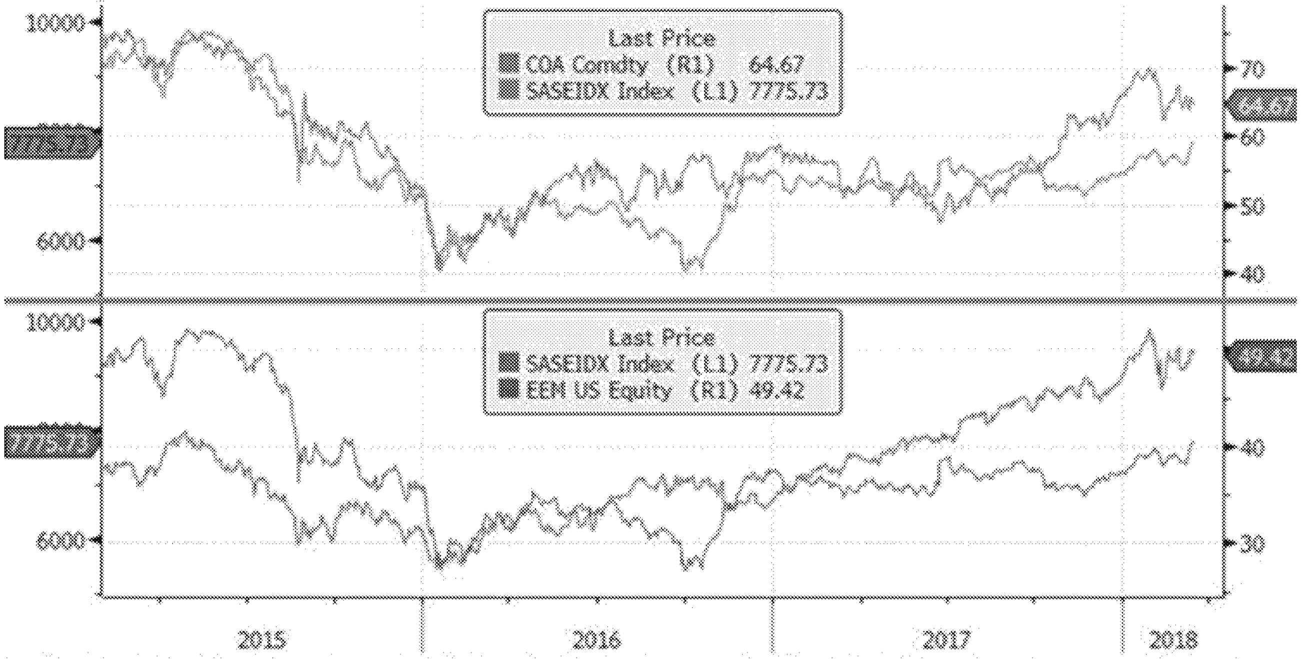

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